

Town of Chatham
Annual school budget meeting minutes
February 3, 2016

Present

Guest: Bill Perry, Linda Cooper, Paul Cooper, Gary Banhart, Patricia Pitman
Budget Committee: Kathy Harju, Doug MacPherson, George Perry, Lisa Lewis, Eleanor Eastman
SAU 9 representatives: Pamela Stimpson, James Hill, Kevin Richards
Chatham school board: Susan Perry, Susan Crowley, Jane Lounsbury

Meeting called to order 6:00 pm

Article #6

All members present voted in favor of the recommended budget of \$965,430.00 (5-0)

Article #7

All members present voted in favor of 20,000.00 to be placed in a Capital Reserve fund for special education. (5-0)

Discussion

The budget committee asked whether the twenty thousand for the capital reserve fund could be reduced to ten thousand. The answer was that the article had already been written for a specific amount it could not be changed at this point.

The budget committee also questioned the high cost of fuel for the 2015-2016 school years. James Hill explained that the school entered into a contract price.

The committee asked for an explanation as to why the catastrophic aid for special education was less than the total amount due to the town. Pamela Stimpson explained that the entire district received 72% of the total amount each town applied for. These funds are received from the state. She also explained that the cap on the amount paid for each special services student may vary from year to year.

Meeting adjourned 6:53pm

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Lewis

Please note that the Budget Committee is acting in the capacity of an Advisory Budget Committee.

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