

**Minutes of the
Litchfield Budget Committee Meeting
Held on February 10, 2018**

The Litchfield Budget Committee held a meeting on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Campbell High School, One Highlander Court, Litchfield, NH 03052.

PRESENT: C Couture (Chair), K Douglas (Vice Chair), D Miller, R Keating, J Bourque, J Spotts, C Harrison (School Board Representative)

Absent: J Brunelle (Selectmen's Representative), vacancy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Couture called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

● **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. PUBLIC INPUT

Brian Bourque, 1 Westview Drive, School Board Chair, clarified when the Budget Committee mentioned that only \$50,000 was removed from the FY19 school budget, \$500,000 was actually removed for kindergarten. He commented that is why the difference between the default and operating budget was so great.

3. MEMBER INPUT/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no member input.

4. SCHOOL BUDGET

Mrs. Couture indicated that Article 1 and Article 2 were amended at Deliberative Session. She noted the Budget Committee must revote their recommendations on the articles.

● Voting on changed warrant articles

MOTION: by Mrs. Bourque

Move to recommend Article 1 as amended

SECOND: by Mr. Spotts

Mrs. Douglas believes the budget is still too high.

VOTE: 7-0-0

The motion carried.

Article 1 was recommended by the Budget Committee.

MOTION: by Mr. Miller

Move to recommend Article 2 as amended

SECOND: by Mrs. Douglas

Mrs. Douglas thanked the School Board for keeping full day kindergarten on the warrant and for finding a way to fund the purchase of the modular classrooms.

VOTE: 7-0-0

The motion carried.

Article 2 was recommended by the Budget Committee.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 14, 2017

MOTION: by Mrs. Douglas

Move to approve the minutes of December 14, 2017

SECOND: by Mrs. Bourque

VOTE: 5-0-2

The motion carried.

- January 9, 2018

MOTION: by Mrs. Douglas

Move to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018

SECOND: by Mrs. Bourque

VOTE: 5-0-2

The motion carried.

- January 11, 2018 Hearing

MOTION: by Mrs. Douglas

Move to approve the hearing minutes of January 11, 2018

SECOND: by Mr. Miller

VOTE: 7-0-0

The motion carried.

- January 11, 2018

MOTION: by Mrs. Douglas

Move to approve the minutes of January 11, 2018

SECOND: by Mr. Miller

VOTE: 7-0-0

The motion carried.

- February 3, 2018

MOTION: by Mrs. Douglas

Move to approve the minutes of February 3, 2018

SECOND: by Mrs. Bourque

VOTE: 7-0-0

The motion carried.

Mrs. Couture thanked Mr. Keating for his service to the Budget Committee.

Mr. Keating thanked the Budget Committee for the opportunity to serve. He indicated that he learned much during his tenure. He commented we are all neighbors and have to look at the human aspect of it. He noted we live in a good town and we are trying to keep it that way.

Mrs. Couture thanked Mr. Spotts for stepping in this year. She thanked Mr. Miller for stepping in this year as well. She announced Mr. Miller will not be returning and wished him well.

Mr. Miller thanked Mrs. Couture for her Chairmanship of the committee. He indicated it was a turbulent year and appreciates Mrs. Couture's leadership.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Bourque publicly thanked the Budget Committee for supporting full day kindergarten.

7. ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mrs. Douglas

Move to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: by Mrs. Keating

VOTE: 7-0-0

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Recorded by: Michele E. Flynn, Recording Secretary

Approved: May 24, 2018