#### **1 BUDGET COMMITTEE**

#### 2 SUPER SATURDAY FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

#### 3 SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017

- 4 Members Present: Brian Forst, Chairman, Stan Bean, Vice Chairman, Anne Kirby, Steven
- 5 Bedard, Joanne Melle, Michael Jean, Selectmen Representative, Richard Bakos, Sawyer Lake
- 6 Representative, Mark Sawyer and Adam Mini, School Board representative.
- 7 Members of the public were Superintendent John Fauci, Business Administrator Christine
- 8 Hayes, Director of Student Services Nancy Fournier, Principal Carol Locke, Alice Bean and
- 9 School Board member Malcolm MacLeod.
- 10 Chairman Forst called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
- 11 The recording clerk would like to note that the meeting minutes will contain all motions and a
- 12 *brief description summary of the conversations in between the motions.*
- 13 <u>Regular Education</u>

### Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$5,458,654.00. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer for the purpose of discussion.

- 16 Richard Bakos asked if this number includes the teachers' salaries. Business Administrator
- 17 Christine Hayes stated that their salaries are a warrant article.
- 18 Superintendent John Fauci stated, for the record, that he had mis-spoked at the public hearing
- 19 this past Wednesday evening when he indicated that the Gilmanton School is number four in the
- 20 State of New Hampshire. The Gilmanton School is number eleven in the state.
- Steve Bedard questioned the substitute line item. Carol Locke stated that it ts to cover staff whenthey are out on a sick day or are attending a conference.
- 23 Mr. Bakos recommended that the district develop a capitalization policy. Christine Hayes stated
- that the board has a bid policy that indicates that any item over \$5,000.00 has to go out to bid.
- 25 She stated that if any line item goes over budget, the board has the authorization to approve a
- 26 line item transfer.

## Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the amount of \$5,458,654.00.

29 Special Education

### Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$687,184.00 under special education line 1100. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer for the purposes of discussion.

- 32 Richard Bakos asked her many students are receiving special education services? Director of
- 32 Student Services Nancy Fournier stated that 36 elementary and 17 high school students are
- 34 currently receiving services. She stated that the district also has an intervention program prior to
- 35 the students entering the school system.
- 36 Mark Sawyer spoke of his granddaughter receiving services and indicated that he was of the
- opinion that Gilford High School did not provide here with adequate services but that the
- 38 Gilmanton School did when she attend school

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- Christine Hayes stated that there is a house bill to mandate full day kindergarten by the state and 39 that the state would partially fund full day kindergarten if the bill passes. 40
- 41 Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the
- amount of \$687,184.00 for Special Education. 42
- 43 Co-Curricular
- Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$60.959.00 line 1200. The motion was 44
- seconded by Mark Sawyer and unanimously approved in the affirmative to fund the 45
- amount of \$60,959.00 under Co-Curricular. 46
- Attendance 47
- Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$1.00 line 2112. The motion was 48
- seconded by Mark Sawyer and unanimously voted in the affirmative to fund the amount of 49
- \$1.00 in Attendance. 50
- 51 Guidance
- 52 Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$111,570.00 – line 2120. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer. 53
- 54 Anne Kirby questioned the supplies and dues & fees line items. Carol Locke stated that the
- supplies are for DARE t-shirts, 504 supplies, peer mediators, 8<sup>th</sup> grade transition, etc. 55
- Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the 56 amount of \$111,570.00 for Guidance. 57
- 58 Health
- Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$61,306.00 line2130. The motion was 59 seconded by Mark Sawyer. 60
- Steve Bedard asked that the contracted services line item was? Carol Locke stated that it was for 61
- 62 a few students who have special needs that may need to have a chaperone or nurse to go with
- them on field trips. 63
- Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the 64 amount of \$61,306.00 for Health. 65
- 66 Psychological

#### Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$60,900 – line 2140. Mark Sawyer 67 seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion. 68

- 69 Richard Bakos asked if the consulting line item was on an hourly rate? Nancy Fournier stated
- that the position was an hourly position and that this position was not a salaried position. It was 70 71
- on an as-need basis from year to year.
- 72 Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the
- 73 amount of \$60,900.00 in Psychological.

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- 74 <u>Speech</u>
- 75 Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$60,855.00 line 2150. The motion was
- seconded by Mark Sawyer and the motion was unanimous voted to approve the amount of
- 77 **\$60,855.00 under Speech.**
- 78 Occupational & Physical Therapy
- 79 Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$114,002.00 line 2160. The motion was
- 80 seconded by Mark Sawyer and it was unanimously voted to approve the amount of
- 81 **\$114,002.00 under PT/OT.**
- 82 <u>Technology</u>

## Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$166,722.00 - line 2225. Mark Sawyer seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion.

- 85 Richard Bakos asked how many computers did the school have? Carol Locke stated that she was
- unsure of the exact number but that there were 26 computers in the computer lab and that there
- 87 was over a hundred I-Pads, not including the smartboards in each classroom. She indicated that
- there were at least 250 in total. Ms. Locke stated that the district has at least four servers in the
- 89 district.
- 90 Mr. Bakos asked if there are going to be any large purchases in technology this year?
- 91 Superintendent Fauci stated that the district now has a good infrastructure. Chris Hayes indicated
- 92 that the district does have an expendable trust in the event that one of the servers would need to
- 93 be replaced.

## 94 Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the 95 amount of \$166,722 for Technology.

96 Instructional Development

## Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$49,089.00 - line 2212. Mark Sawyer seconded the motion.

Anne Kirby asked if the collective bargaining agreement proposal has increased the conferencereimbursement? Chris Hayes stated that it did.

#### 101 Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the 102 amount of \$49,089.00 for Course Reimbursement.

- 103 <u>Library</u>
- 104 Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$67,068.00 line 2222. Mark Sawyer
- 105 seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote.
- 106 The vote was unanimous to approve the amount of \$67,068.00 for Library.

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#### 107 <u>School Board</u>

### Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$47,300.00 - line 2310. Mark Sawyer seconded the motion.

110 Richard Bakos asked why the increase in the legal fees and advertising line items? Both John

111 Fauci and Chris Hayes indicated that those lines have increased due to the history of how much

money is spent each year. Mr. Fauci stated that they use the NH School Board's Association

- 113 when they can to receive legal advice. The district pays a yearly fee to NHSBA and one of the
- 114 offerings are free legal service.

#### 115 Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the 116 amount of \$47,300.00 for School Board.

- 117 The budget committee took a break from 9:50 10:10 a.m.
- 118 <u>Superintendent</u>

### Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$146,679.00. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer.

- 121 Anne Kirby asked if the superintendent's office needs all of this funding. She stated that the
- superintendent only works two days a week and does the district need a full time
- superintendent's administrative assistant? Superintendent Fauci stated that an SAU office study
- 124 committee had been formed when Laconia succeeded from Gilmanton and they had come up
- 125 with the configuration of a part-time superintendent and a part-time business administrator as
- 126 well as a full time secretary and a full time fiscal agent. Then again, several years ago another
- 127 SAU office study committee ensued to, again, examine this issue and the committee's report
- 128 findings were that the SAU office was adequately staffed. Mr. Fauci stated that other SAU office
- 129 configuration in surrounding districts such as Barnstead and Alton and the Barnstead SAU office
- has four-days a week superintendent, and a four-days a week business administrator and a full
- time bookkeeper and a full time secretary. Alton also has a full time superintendent and a full
- time business administrator as well as a full time secretary. Anne Kirby mentioned moving the
- 133 SAU office at the school. Superintendent Fauci stated that the district would have to add another
- 134 modular as there is no room at the school.
- Rich Bakos brought up a brief discussion regarding purchasing the SAU office building. Othertopics relating to this idea were the maintenance of the building, etc.
- 137 Steve Bedard stated that building an 800 square foot addition to the building and moving the
- 138 SAU office at the school would save on the expense of paying for travel.
- 139 Superintendent Fauci stated that the space needs committee had looked at the possibility of
- 140 moving the SAU office over to the school and the committee found that it was more cost
- 141 effective not to bring the SAU office at the school.

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- 142 Stan Bean stated that one option was to contract the services out. Malcolm MacLeod stated that
- the board had looked into contracting business administrator services last year and the expense
- 144 was much more than hiring a business administrator.
- 145 Superintendent Fauci stated that having a full time administrative assistant was necessary.
- Adam Mini stated that the SAU office will be evaluated in the future when the currentsuperintendent retires.

### Anne Kirby made the motion to reduce the superintendent's line item by \$3,000.00. The motion was seconded by Rich Bakos.

- 150 There was discussion as to where she wanted the reductions made. She stated that \$1,500 in
- 151 professional dues, \$500.00 in travel, \$500.00 in supplies and reduce the salary line item.
- 152 Chairman Forst stated that the budget committee could only recommend the bottom line.
- Anne Kirby made the motion to withdraw her original motion. The motion was secondedby Joanne Melle.
- 155 Anne Kirby made the motion to reduce the superintendent's portion of the budget by
- 156 **\$2,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer.** The bottom line would read
- 157 \$144,679.00.
- 158 Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The motion was approved by a majority vote
- 159 with Adam Mini voting against this motion to reduce the bottom line by \$2,000.00. The
- 160 bottom line will read \$144,679.00 for Superintendent.
- 161 <u>Student Support Services</u>
- 162 Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$111,088.00 line 2331. The motion was
- 163 seconded by Mark Sawyer and unanimously voted in the affirmative to approve the
- amount of \$111,088.00 for Student Support Services.
- 165 <u>Principal</u>
- 166 Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$244,575.00 line 2410. The motion was
- seconded by Mark Sawyer and unanimously approved to fund the Student Support
- 168 Services in the amount of \$244,575.00 for Principal.
- 169 <u>Fiscal</u>

Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$108,353.00 - line 2510. The motion was
seconded by Mark Sawyer.

- Anne Kirby asked who receives the travel stipend? Christine Hayes stated that both she and the fiscal agent do for attending the NHASBO conference and her travel to **Concord for business.**
- 174 Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the
- amount of \$108,353.00 for Fiscal Services.

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#### 176 Operation of Plant

### Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$\$401,899.00 - line 2620. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer for the purpose of discussion.

- 179 Richard Bakos asked regarding the contracted services line item with an increase in the amount180 of \$4,500.00. Christine Hayes stated that the project is to replace the electrical areas above in the
- 181 ceilings in one wing. John Fauci stated that there would also be work done regarding the
- 182 generator to make it more efficient at the school. Anne Kirby asked about the rubbish removal?
- 183 John Fauci stated that the school recycles and the recyclables go to the town to generate revenues
- 184 for the town. Rich Bakos asked if there was any replacement of equipment in the budget this
- 185 year? Chris Hayes stated that there is not at this time. Michael Jean asked about the school
- building's water testing? Chris Hayes stated that the water is tested every three years from the
- 187 well. Michael Jean asked about the travel? Chris Hayes stated that the facility manager has to
- attend mandatory training and re-certification. Richard Bakos asked if the school has any
- asbestos? John Fauci stated that all that remains for asbestos is in the grades 3-5 wing and the
- 190 cafeteria area. Chris Hayes stated that the district has an expendable trust for asbestos removal. It
- 191 will cost approximately \$100,000.00 to remove the asbestos in the grade 3-5 wing and
- 192 \$50,000.00 in the cafeteria. Adam Mini stated that the board would like to complete the asbestos
- 193 removal within five years.
- Anne Kirby made the motion to reduce the amount by \$1,000.00 under the rubbish
   removal. Mark Sawyer seconded the motion.
- 196 Anne Kirby withdrew her motion.
- 197 Brian made the motion to reduce the operation of plant by \$2,500.00. The motion was
- seconded by Michael Jean. Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The committee
- approved the motion by a majority vote. Adam Mini voted in opposition to the reduction.
- 200 The line under operation of plant will read \$399,399.00.
- 201 Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$3,276.00. The motion was seconded by
- 202 Mark Sawyer and unanimously approved in the affirmative to adopt the amount of
- 203 \$3,276.00 to fund hazardous waste day.
- 204 <u>Transportation</u>

## Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$538,259.00 - line 2700. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer for the purpose of discussion.

- 207 Anne Kirby stated that she sees empty busses in the afternoons. John Fauci stated that the
- 208 contract will be entering its third year of a three-year contract. He stated that the transportation
- contract will go out to bid as there is another bus company in the area that may be willing to bid
- on the contract. Richard Bakos asked if it would be feasible to have the town assume the district'
- transportation? Chris Hayes stated that it would not be cost effective. The town would have to
- 212 purchase the busses, find a place to house them, hire driving staff and maintain all of the busses.

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### 213 Chairman Forst call the motion to a vote The vote was unanimous to approve the amount

of \$538,259.00 for Transportation.

#### 215 <u>Support Services Benefits</u>

### Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$1,689,893.500.00 - line 2910. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer for the purpose of discussion.

- Anne Kirby asked why the support staff do not have SchoolCare insurance like the teachers do?
- 219 Chris Hayes stated that, up until now, it has not been an option for them. John Fauci stated that
- the board looks at the insurance rate increases each year. Richard Bakos asked what the staff
- 221 pays for insurance contributions? Chris Hayes stated that they contribute 15% of the cost of their
- health insurance. Brian Forst stated that the district needed to address the rising cost of health
- insurance. Richard Bakos stated that the employees need to pay more of their health insurance.
- 224 Chris Hayes stated that the district contributes \$7,190.00 toward a single plan, \$8,190.00 for a
- two-person and \$10,190.00 toward a family plan. John Fauci stated that the district has a few
- employees who have to submit a check to the district to cover their health insurance because they
- sometimes do not work the full two weeks due to a snow day.

### Brian Forst made the motion to reduce line110 by \$8,607.00 in the salary adjustment account. Michael Jean seconded the motion.

- Brian Forst stated that the individuals in the salary adjustment account should only receive a
- 1.50% increase. Richard Bakos stated that the committee should not punish the twelve
- individuals in this line. Brian Forst stated that he wanted the committee to send a message to the
- school board that they need to address the rising costs to run the district and also address the cost
- of health insurance. John Fauci stated that some of these individuals make under \$11.00 perhour.

## Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was one in the affirmative and eight in the negative. The motion failed.

Richard Bakos stated that he was sending a message to the board members and administration oftheir need to rein in the rising cost of health insurance on the town.

#### 240 Chairman Forst called the original motion in the amount of \$1,689,893.00. The motion

- passed by a majority vote to approve the amount of \$1,689,893.00 for Support Service
  Benefits.
- 243 Food Service District Support

#### 244 Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$37,000.00 – line 5221. The motion was

- seconded by Mark Sawyer and unanimously approved in the affirmative to approve the
- amount of \$37,000.00 for Food Service District Support.
- 247 <u>Debt Service</u>
- 248 Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$38,209.00 line 5100. Mark Sawyer
- 249 seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion.

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- 250 Christine Hayes stated that there are only two more years to pay on the modular.
- 251 Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the
- amount of \$38,209.00 to fund Debt Service.
- 253 <u>Special Revenue</u>
- 254 Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$240,000.00 line 5220. The motion was
- seconded by Mark Sawyer and unanimously approved the amount of \$240,000.00 for
- 256 Special Revenue.
- 257 <u>Food Service Fund</u>

258 Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$156,353.00.The motion was seconded

- 259 by Mark Sawyer and unanimously approved in the affirmative to fund Food Service Fund
- 260 in the amount of \$156,353.00.
- 261 Chairman Forst stated that the Budget Committee would be recommending the funding of
- 262 \$10,653,418.00, which represents a total reduction of \$4,500.00.

#### 263 PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLES

#### 264 <u>ARTICLE II.</u> District Officers' Salaries

- 265 That the salaries of District Officers be set for the coming year as follows:
- \$ 75.00 266 Moderator District Clerk \$ 500.00 267 Chairperson of School Board \$ 950.00 268 School Board Members (4) each 269 \$ 825.00 270 District Treasurer \$1,200.00

#### 271 Recommended: School Board

### Brian Forst made the motion to recommend the District Officers' Salaries. The motion was seconded by Michael Jean and unanimously approved <u>to recommend Article II.</u>

#### 274 ARTICLE III. Gilmanton School Leach Field Pump Station Capital Reserve Fund

- To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand One
- Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$4,134) to be placed in the Septic System Capital Reserve Fund as
- 277 previously established.
- 278 **Recommended:** School Board
- 279 Brian Forst made the motion to recommend Article III. The motion was seconded by Steve
- 280 Bedard and voted unanimously to recommend Article III.

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#### 281 <u>ARTICLE IV</u>. Roof Replacement Expendable Trust Fund

- 282 To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Three
- Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$42,336) to be placed in the "Roof Replacement Expendable Trust
- Fund" as previously established.
- 285 **Recommended:** School Board

### Brian Forst made the motion to move Article IV. The motion was seconded by Steve Bedard and voted unanimously to recommend Article IV.

- 288 <u>ARTICLE V.</u> Water Storage Tanks Capital Reserve
- 289 To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred
- Sixty-One Dollars (\$2,361) to be placed in the "Water Storage Tanks Capital Reserve Fund" as
- 291 previously established.

#### 292 Recommended: School Board

- Brian Forst made the motion to move Article V. The motion was seconded by Steve Bedard
  and voted unanimously to recommend Article V.
- 295 <u>ARTICLE VI.</u> Paving Capital Reserve
- To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Eight
- Hundred Forty-Seven (\$17,847) to be placed in the "Paving Capital Reserve Fund" as previously
  established.
- 299 **Recommended:** School Board

## Brian Forst made the motion to move Article VI. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer and voted unanimously <u>to recommend Article VI.</u>

#### 302 <u>ARTICLE VII.</u> Boiler Replacement Expendable Trust

- To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred
  Fifty Dollars (\$1,850) to be placed in the "Boiler Replacement Expendable Trust Fund" as
  previously established.
- 306 **Recommended:** School Board

# Brian Forst made the motion to move Article III. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer and voted unanimously <u>to recommend Article VII.</u>

#### 309 <u>ARTICLE VIII.</u> Tractor Replacement Expendable Trust

- To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred
- 311 Seventeen Dollars (\$3,117) to be placed in the "Tractor Replacement Expendable Trust Fund" as
- 312 previously established.

#### 313 Recommended: School Board

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#### 314 Brian Forst made the motion to move Article VIII. The motion was seconded by Mark

315 Sawyer and voted unanimously to recommend Article VIII.

#### 316 <u>ARTICLE IX.</u> Asbestos Tile Replacement Expendable Trust

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine

Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$12,927) to be placed in the "Asbestos Tile Replacement

- 319 Expendable Trust" as previously established.
- 320 Recommended: School Board

### 321 Brian Forst made the motion to move Article IX. The motion was seconded by Mark

322 Sawyer and voted unanimously to recommend Article IX.

#### 323 <u>ARTICLE X.</u> Gilmanton School Fuel Storage Tank Capital Reserve Fund

- To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Seven
- Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$4,716) to be placed in the Fuel Storage Tank Capital Reserve Fund as
- 326 previously established.
- 327 Recommended: School Board

## Brian Forst made the motion to move Article X. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer and voted unanimously to recommend Article X.

#### 330 <u>ARTICLE XI.</u> Special Ed. Expendable Trust

- To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred
- 332Twenty-Five Dollars (\$6,825) to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust as
- 333 previously established.
- 334 Recommended: School Board

## Brian Forst made the motion to move Article XI. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer.

- Brian Forst asked what the balance is in this expendable trust fund? Christine Hayes indicated
- that the current balance is \$193,175.00 with a goal of \$200,000.00. She indicated that this would
- allow for funding of two student placements. Chairman Forst stated that this fund earns
- approximately \$3,000.00 in revenue each year.
- 341 Steve Bedard made the motion to not recommend funding the Special Education
- **Expendable Trust Fund this year as this fund has most of the monies for the \$200,000.00**
- 343 target goal. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer.
- 344 Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The Article XI was not recommended by a
- 345 majority vote. Adam Mini voted in opposition to this motion. Article XI <u>will not be</u>
- 346 **<u>recommended by the budget committee.</u>**

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#### 347 <u>ARTICLE XII.</u> Collective Bargaining Agreement

348 To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective

bargaining agreement reached between the Gilmanton School Board and the Gilmanton

350 Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the

351 current staffing level:

352	Fiscal Year	Est. Increase	Fiscal Year	Est. Increase	Fiscal Year	Est. Increase
353	2018	\$41,311	2019	\$129,327	2020	\$133,211

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,311 for the current fiscal year, such sum

representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by

the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels in accordance with

357 the most recent collective bargaining agreement.

358 Recommended: School Board

#### 359 Brian Forst made the motion to move Article XII. The motion was seconded by Stan Bean.

360 There was extensive discussion regarding the teacher contribution versus the district contribution

toward the health insurance. Mr. Bakos stated that his issue with the proposed contract was not a

salary increase issue but with the large amount that the district will contribute towards the

teachers' health insurance. Malcolm MacLeod stated that the teachers would be taking an

insurance plan with a high deductible. Brian Forst asked what the teachers are contributing at the

present time? Chris Hayes stated that the teachers contribute 15% and the district contributes

366 85%. Mr. MacLeod indicated that if this contract does not pass, then the district will be

367 contributing an additional \$58,000.00 next year with the current contract in place.

Anne Kirby spoke of the quality of the teaching staff and the amount of work and responsibility that the teachers have with the students. Carol Locke spoke of her concern that the culture and climate at the school if the contract does not pass

370 climate at the school if the contract does not pass.

Richard Bakos stated that he was not disputing the quality of staff but that the board needed to

372 get health insurance costs under control. He stated that the staff should be paying more towards

their health insurance. Michael Jean stated that the town employees contribute 20% and the town

374 contributes 80%. Members expressed their satisfaction with the quality of the teaching staff but

that the contribution to their health insurance cost from the district was too high.

- 376 Steve Bedard stated that he would be willing to give the teachers a higher salary increase in
- exchange for them paying more toward their health insurance. This was also the sentiment

expressed by Richard Bakos, Joanne Melle and Chairman Forst. Ms. Melle stated that she is

retired and that she is on a fixed income and she is paying for 20% of her health care costs while

the state is paying 80%.

#### 381 Chairman Forst called for a vote on moving Article XII forward for recommending or not

recommending this warrant article. The vote was three in support of recommending this

383 warrant article and five to not support this warrant article. Chairman Forst stated that the

384 budget committee would not be recommending Article XII.

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#### 385 <u>ARTICLE XIII.</u> Authorization for Special Meeting on Collective Bargaining Article

- To see if the School District, if article XII is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article XII cost items only.
- 388 **Recommended:** School Board
- 389 Brian Forst made the motion to move Article XIII even if there is no money attached to it.
- The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer and unanimously voted to recommend Article
   XIII.
- 391 <u>AIII.</u>

#### 392 **ARTICLE XIV.**

- To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not
- including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriation voted separately, the
- amounts set forth therein, totaling the sum of **Ten Million, Six Hundred Fifty-Seven**
- **Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$10,657,918.00).** Should this article be defeated,
- 397the default budget shall be Ten Million, Four Hundred Seventy Thousand, Two Hundred
- **Forty-Five Dollars (\$10,470,245.00),** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments
- required by previous action of the Gilmanton School District, or by law, or the governing body
- 400 may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of 401 a revised operating budget only.
- 402 **Recommended:** School Board
- 403 Chairman Forst stated that the budget committee had reduced the proposed sum of
  404 \$10,657,918.00 by \$4,500.00 in reductions.
- 405 *Chairman Forst stated that the amount of Article XIV will be approved and read as* 406 *10,653,318.00.*
- 407 Chairman Forst stated the total amount of the warrant articles is \$89,288.00.
- 408 *Chairman Forst stated that the budget committee's recommended budget and the warrant* 409 *articles totals in the amount of \$10,742,706.00.*
- 410 <u>Adjournment</u>
- 411 It was the consensus of the budget committee members to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m.
- 412 Respectfully submitted,
- 413 Rachel Hatch, Recording Clerk