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HOLLIS BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting at the Hollis Brookline Middle School

Present:

Darlene Mann, Chair
Raul Blanche, Vice Chair
Brian Rater, Secretary
Jim Solinas
Krista Whalen

Andy Corey, Superintendent
Amy Rowe, Student Services
Kelly Seeley, Business Administrator

Absent:

David Blinn
Tom Enright
Lorin Rydstrom

The meeting was called to order at 6:33PM.

Secretary's Report

Raul moved to accept the minutes of September 28th. Krista seconded. Approved 3-0-2. Krista and Jim abstained.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Special Education

Amy provided an overview of the many facets of Special Education and other student services.

Budget Planning

Andy addressed priorities for the next budget. The current draft budget is about \$200,000 over the preliminary Budget Committee guidance.

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Highlights include a repair of a water tank at an estimated cost of \$40,000. Andy recommends that we add \$60,000 annually to the Maintenance Trust Fund. In addition, he encouraged the committee to consider options for funding the roofing maintenance. Andy also discussed options for updating athletic fields, including use of the athletic trust fund. He also said that we should consider purchasing 1 or more vans to support vocational transportation since this is a cost effective way to reduce special education transportation cost. He suggested that the committee should consider mechanisms for replenishing contingency funds that get expended.

Raul moved that we set preliminary guidance for the FY19 operating budget of \$21,367,795.00, based on a 2.2% inflation factor. Brian seconded. The motion passed 3-1-1. Darlene, Raul and Brian voted in favor. Krista opposed and Jim abstained.

Announcements

None.

Next Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, **November 29th** at 6:30PM at the Middle School Multipurpose Room.

Krista moved that we adjourn. Jim seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0. Adjourned at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Rater

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