

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2014**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Marty Mahoney, School Board Representative; Steve Laskowski, John Koopmann, Rich Kalich, Charlie Perry, Susan Newcomer, Cliff Emery, Dan Cotter, Elaine Levlocke (arrived at 7:05 PM), Selectboard Representative; Steve Buckley, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; and Frank Underwood, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative.

School Board: Ege Cordell, Chairman; Jamie Card and Genienne Hockensmith
Sharyn D'Eon, Principal

The January 14th minutes are deferred until the next meeting.

Chesterfield School District – The District's budget was reviewed in detail. The 2014-2015 budget increases 7.99% or by \$624,384. This is primarily due to: large increases SPED, increases in enrollment, increases in tuition rates, SPED transportation and building maintenance. There are 286 students enrolled and only 262 were budgeted. Projected enrollment next year is 265. Regular Instruction is up 3.64% or \$133,447 impacted by increasing salaries & benefits and 12.5% increase in tuition. Special Instruction is up \$485,696 or 31.02%. The School Board is not projecting any changes to staffing or the instruction program.

The piping to the oil tanks needs to be replaced at a cost of at least \$60,000. Given this, the Schools Board is considering a project to switch burners to propane for \$130,000.

Genienne Hockensmith presented the proposed support staff contract for 2014-2017.

The District budget will be funded by tax increases of \$920,216. This represents an increase of \$190.62 on \$100,000 house. If all Warrant article pass, District taxes will increase by 15.12% or \$931,986

Questions for the next meeting are:

SPED Rate

Cost to send students to Keene

List of Classes and Sizes 25 student minimum

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct – The overall tax decrease is 1.51% as a result of \$6,000 transferred from Surplus. Expenses are budgeted to rise 1.57%. The Precinct has received a \$110,000 grant from Timken to replace the rescue body. As a result, the Commissioners will meet to discuss any resultant changes to the budget.

Spofford Fire Precinct – Steve announced the overall budget will be increasing 2.5% due to the receipt of the mutual aid bill to \$25,694 up 8.9%.

Steve moved to adjourn at 9:27 PM. The motion was seconded by Elaine and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine
Secretary