

**February 26, 2025**

**Emergency Review of the 2025 School Board Budget Hearing**

**Budget Committee Attendees:**

- John Snowden
- Bill Chase
- Susan Finnegan
- Christine Abdelnour-McKenna

**7:17 PM – Meeting called to order by Susan Finnegan. John, Bill, and Christine were all in favor.**

We are voting to recommend Article 2 (Warrant Article 2) for support of the school budget. The major increase was from Keene High, but this is primarily due to the increase in student body size entering school this year as well as an increase in special needs programs.

The salaries have increased, as well as benefits and we did raise them for a four-year term.

There are no major improvements planned for the school. Last year, we put money into the special education reserve, which helped offset the costs for this year for the taxpayers.

John wants to bring in a lawyer from NHMA to offer a refresher on what is required of committees and go over the RSA. The lawyer will cost \$550 per hour, and John wants to make the hearing an event for all committees and their members.

John made a motion, and Bill seconded it, to approve the school district budget as presented. All were in favor

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John seconded and all were in favor at 7:39 pm

Christine Abdelnour-McKenna took the minutes during the meeting.