

Tamworth School Budget Public Hearing
January 16, 2008

Lisa Remick called the meeting to order at 7:07PM.

Tamworth Board Members Present: Lisa Remick, Brenda Robinson, Dana Littlefield, Sue Creswell, Laura Pike

Administrators Present: Gwen Poirier, Superintendent; Pat Kehoe, Director of Special Services; Noel DeSousa, Principal.

Approximately 45 community members were in attendance.

Dr. Poirier stated that she would be reviewing the proposed 2008-09 budget section by section. Visitors were encouraged to ask questions at anytime during the review.

Dr. Poirier began with review of the Regular Education budget, including salary and related benefits. The Regular Education budget included the decrease of the Spanish teacher from 100% to 40%. She continued with the review of the Special Programs budget.

There was a request from the floor to compare the proposed budget with expenditures to date. Dr. Poirier explained that this would not be an accurate comparison.

Dr. Poirier continued with the review of the proposed 08-09 budget. Included was the reduction of three paraprofessional staff.

Pat Kehoe responded to a question from the floor regarding Special Education Revenue. She estimated the Adequacy Grant at approximately \$344,000. The actual revenue figure will be available at the District Meeting.

The total of the Proposed 2008-09 budget was presented at \$5,761,038.

Dr. Poirier reviewed the Warrant Articles and the account balances as of date. Included in discussion was the SAU 13 budget and Tamworth's share which totals \$200,055.

Dr. Poirier stated that the proposed budget reflects a 5.49% decrease before the approval of Warrant Articles.

Peg DeLong asked Dr. Poirier to clarify that the format of the printed budget will be as requested at last year's District Hearing. Dr. Poirier stated that the printed budget will be in the format requested.

Brenda Robinson made a motion to adjourn at 8:26PM. Dana Littlefield seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Ullitz
Recording Secretary