Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes

Budget Hearing

April 1, 2025

Present: Jim Rodda, Elisa Kryskow, Alex Kastrinakis

Absent: Bruce Weiner

Also Present: Rebecca Phillips (Superintendent/SPED Director), Jay Merselis (Principal), Amanda Lahey, Ana Bradbury, Sarah Kangas, and Jan Lillie (town members)

1. Call to Order - Kayt called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.
2. FY 26 Budget Meeting Discussion
   1. At last month’s school committee meeting the committee was waiting for town to decide how they wanted to distribute the $288K circuit breaker funds.
   2. The town has decided to allocate half of that amount, $144K, to offset next year’s budget. The remaining $144K will offset FY27 budget. These monies will be used specifically for Special Education costs. Alex expressed concern that in 3 years there will be a $144K deficit to the budget and wondered if putting this $288K circuit breaker funds into a revolving account would make more sense for our budget in the long run.
   3. Jim to make a motion to accept the FY26 Budget as written: $1,762,256.92. Kayt - 2nd. No further discussion. All in favor.
3. Kayt motioned to adjourn budget hearing at 6:12pm, Elisa- 2nd. All in favor.