

Litchfield Budget Committee
Budget Hearing
School District Budget

January 12, 2017

Budget Committee Members

- Cynthia Couture – Chair
- Keri Douglas – Vice Chair
- Andrew Cutter
- Chris Pascucci
- Dennis Miller
- Jen Bourque
- Bob Keating
- Kevin Bourque– Selectmen’s Representative
- Paula Izbicki/ Christina Harrison– School Board’s Representative

Budget Preparation

- School District Budget was received in November
- Superintendent and Business Administrator reviewed district goals for Budget Committee members.
- Committee reviewed budget line by line over 5 meetings in Nov and Dec.
- The budget information was presented by the School Board representative, Superintendent, Business Administrator and various department heads each week followed by voting the following week.
- Final votes on budget and available Warrant Articles on Dec 22nd.
- Tonight after this Hearing, we will be voting all final numbers.

Decision Criteria

- ✓ Consider history of actual spending of previous years using 3 yr. averages
- ✓ Consider School District Priorities as presented by educational professionals.
- ✓ Consider year to date actual spending of current budget
- ✓ Considered projections of future student enrollment
- ✓ Consider the rationale for why dollars are being requested by the school district and educational professionals as well as any data presented.
- ✓ Consider what was a reasonable budget to present to the voters given fixed cost increases and revenue projections.

School District Budget Review

- The School District Budget proposed budget is \$731,493 more than last years approved budget.
- Projected Revenues are down slightly.
- Enrollments continue to decline.
- This would have been an increase of 3.59 % and a tax increase of \$0.92
- The Budget Committee made numerous reductions that results in a proposed budget that is \$549,110 less than the school proposed budget.
- The Recommended budget is \$182,383 more than last years approved budget.
- The projected increase is .89% with a tax impact of an increase of \$0.30
- The Default Budget is \$3,637 less than the Budget Comm. proposed budget.

ARTICLE 1 Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote at the first session of the annual school district meeting, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling Twenty-One Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-One Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$21,721,223)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Twenty-One Million, Seven Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$21,717,586) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Litchfield School District or by law; or the School Board may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Estimated Tax Impact: Operating Budget \$0.30 - Default Budget \$0.30

Recommended by the School Board
Vote

Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote 4-3-1

Areas of Major Impact to the Budget

- **Health Insurance -** **\$193,695 increase**
Our health care provider, School Care, increased 9.5%
- **New Hampshire retirement** **\$149,917 increase**
Rate increase for both employees and teachers
- **Transportation** **\$24,670 increase**
Contractual increase
- **Technology Services** **\$137,205 increase**
New computer purchases
- **Special Services** **\$104,660 increase**
This includes a reduction of \$99,432 in Handicapped Tuition.

Budget	School Board Bottom Line	Budget Committee Changes	Revised BC Bottom Line
GMS	\$ 130,485.00	(\$4,900.00)	\$ 125,585.00
LMS	\$ 149,800.00	(\$2,660.00)	\$ 147,140.00
School Board/SAU	\$ 107,656.00	(\$3,433.00)	\$ 104,223.00
Techology	\$ 465,940.00	(\$3,240.00)	\$ 462,700.00
Special Services	\$ 1,094,462.00	(\$970.00)	\$ 1,093,492.00
Business	\$ 55,659.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$ 54,659.00
Transportation	\$ 494,764.00	\$0.00	\$ 494,764.00
Curriculum Development	\$ 231,234.00	(\$1,872.00)	\$ 229,362.00
HR	\$ 10,677.00	\$0.00	\$ 10,677.00
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 16,494,180.00	(\$153,985.00)	\$ 16,340,195.00
CHS	\$ 596,835.00	(\$550.00)	\$ 596,285.00
Buildings and Grounds	\$ 1,302,723.00	(\$51,500.00)	\$ 1,251,223.00
Food Service	\$ 261,116.00	\$0.00	\$ 261,116.00
Food Service S and B	\$ 299,802.00	\$0.00	\$ 299,802.00
Grants	\$ 575,000.00		\$ 575,000.00
		(\$325,000.00)	\$ (325,000.00)
Total General Fund	\$ 22,270,333.00	(\$549,110.00)	\$ 21,721,223.00

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Litchfield School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Litchfield School District and the Litchfield Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Estimated Increase	2017-2018	\$ 282,018
	2018-2019	\$ 293,644

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand, Eighteen Dollars (\$282,018) for fiscal year 2018, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$ 0.32

Recommended/Not by the School Board

Recommended/NOT by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Litchfield School District and the Litchfield Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Estimated Increase
2017-2018	\$ 62,787
2018-2019	\$ 57,662

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$62,787) for fiscal year 2018, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.07

Recommended by the School Board
Vote

Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-two thousand, eight hundred eighty-five dollars (\$92,885) to be added to the operating budget for the purpose of funding salary and benefits for a full time Special Services Coordinator position to support the Special Services Director and Special Services Department?

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.10

Recommended by the School Board Vote 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote 8-0-0

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty One Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$61,645) to purchase security equipment and products to enhance safety and security for the main entrances to Griffin Memorial School, Litchfield Middle School and Campbell High School, and modular classrooms at Griffin Memorial School and Litchfield Middle School, as recommended by the NH Department of Homeland Security?

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.07

Recommended by the School Board Vote 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote 8-0-0

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate up to One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund established in 2004 and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year; and to designate the School Board as agents to expend? This is a special warrant article.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0

Balance of fund as of June 30, 2016: \$104,210.10

Recommended by the School Board Vote 4-1-0

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote 4-4-0

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate up to Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund established in 2004 and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year; and to designate the School Board as agents to expend? This is a special warrant article.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0 Balance of fund as of June 30, 2016:
\$51,007.69

Recommended by the School Board Vote 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote 7-1-0

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate up to Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund established in 2016 for the purpose of funding the acquisition and replacement of hardware, software and other technology equipment, and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30, 2016 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year; and to designate the School Board as agents to expend? This is a special warrant article.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0 Balance of fund as of July 1, 2016: \$50,000.00

Recommended by the School Board 5-0-0

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote Vote 1-7-0

Potential Tax Impact of Recommended Warrant Articles

	School Proposed	Budget Comm. Proposed	
Current Tax Rate	\$ 13.98	\$ 13.98	
New Tax -Budget	\$ 14.90	\$ 14.16	
Increase Budget	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.30	
Warrant 2	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32	
Warrant 3	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.07	
Warrant 4	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	
Warrant 5	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.07	
Warrant 6	\$ -		
Warrant 7	\$ -		
Warrant 8	\$ -		
Increase Total	\$ 1.48	\$ 0.86	

Potential Tax Impact

Recommended Budget:

\$20,585,305 Projected to have a tax impact of \$0.30

This would be an estimated \$105 increase on a house valued at \$350,000 if the recommended budget passes.

Default Budget: \$21,717,586 Projected to also have a tax Impact of \$0.30

All Recommended Articles would have a tax impact of \$0.86

This would be an estimated \$301 increase on a house valued at \$350,000 if all recommended articles pass.

Questions or Comments?

	School Bd		Bud Com	default
Gross	\$ 22,270,333.00		\$ 21,721,223.00	\$ 21,717,586.00
Federal Funds	\$ 575,000.00		\$ 575,000.00	\$ 575,000.00
Food Service	\$ 560,918.00		\$ 560,918.00	\$ 560,918.00
Net	\$ 21,134,415.00		\$ 20,585,305.00	\$ 20,581,668.00
Revenue	\$ 270,810.00		\$ 270,810.00	\$ 270,810.00
Ed Grant	\$ 5,485,734.00		\$ 5,485,734.00	\$ 5,485,734.00
State tax	\$ 1,977,558.00		\$ 1,977,558.00	\$ 1,977,558.00
Fund balance	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
New net	\$ 13,200,313.00		\$ 12,651,203.00	\$ 12,647,566.00
Allrevenue	\$ 9,070,020.00		\$ 9,070,020.00	\$ 9,070,020.00
Gross less rev	\$ 13,200,313.00		\$ 12,651,203.00	\$ 12,647,566.00
Valuation		885,950,684		885,950,684
Difference			\$ (549,110.00)	\$ (3,637.00)
	Tax Impact			
	School Proposed		Budget Comm Proposed	Default
Current Tax Rate	\$ 13.98		\$ 13.98	\$ 13.98
New Tax -Budget	\$ 14.90		\$ 14.28	\$ 14.28
Increase Budget	\$ 0.92		\$ 0.30	\$ 0.30
Warrant 2	\$ 0.32		\$ 0.32	
Warrant 3	\$ 0.07		\$ 0.07	
Warrant 4	\$ 0.10		\$ 0.10	
Warrant 5	\$ 0.07		\$ 0.07	
Warrant 6	\$ -			
Warrant 7	\$ -			
Warrant 8	\$ -			
Increase Total	\$ 1.48		\$ 0.86	
Y O Y	(w/o special funds)			
17 approved Budget	\$ 20,402,922.00		\$ 20,402,922.00	
18 SB prposed	\$ 21,134,415.00			
18 BC proposed			\$ 20,585,305.00	
increase	\$ 731,493.00		\$ 182,383.00	
% increase		3.59%		0.89%