

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET/FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
April 2, 2018 – SPECIAL MEETING 6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: William Meese Alexis Margerelli-Hussey Jason Nowosad
Dawn Whitcher Sarah Haynes

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Robert Angeli, Robert Sirpenski, Business Manager, James Apicelli, Principal LMHS, Anne Birrell, Assistant Principal LMHS, Kathleen Mozak-Pezza, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Betsy Petrie, First Selectman, Resident Trooper Konow, Kathleen Smith, teacher

I. Call To Order:

The Budget/Finance Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by W. Meese.

II. Discuss and Act On

1. Adjustments needed to the 2018-2019 Budget to get to a 0% increase
Superintendent Angeli distributed a list of potential reductions to the budget. The total is \$245,539.00. Some reductions are necessary as the Board of Finance has voted to have the same bottom line as last year. There are no further reductions of staff or programs with the proposed reductions. Several line items for supplies are proposed to be reduced. J. Nowosad discussed that some reductions reduce the line items by one half or one third. There would be savings in a single year but these need to be made up. This could be an issue for the following year. It was discussed that monies have been given back to the Town over the last few years. Spending in previous years was researched. If there is an opportunity, items will be purchased this year. J. Nowosad questioned the increase in contractual items year after year. Spending has been prudent. The superintendent noted that 0% budgets can't be sustained for many years. R. Sirpenski noted that we don't know what the State funding will be. Last year approximately \$450,000.00 was returned to the Town. The year before was about the same. W. Meese inquired if the reductions would be spread evenly across the schools. Superintendent Angeli noted that the substitute salary item is centralized. J. Nowosad discussed the corporate profits of \$80,000.00 for EMCOR. We could hire an employee for a lower salary. A. Margerelli-Hussey discussed buying supplies early. We don't know what is ahead in the health insurance line item. We don't know what is ahead in Special Education. R. Sirpenski noted that ECS reimbursement is down. We may have an oil delivery in May. Transportation may be going up. Student transportation is the transportation for athletic and field trips (that are not paid by parents). Pupil transportation is to and from home. D. Whitcher questioned how the proposed reductions impact the Strategic Plan. Superintendent Angeli noted that professional development has been greatly increased

over prior years. These reductions would set a trend. Want to build the science and agriculture programs. Budget transfers could be done. EMCOR is a contract where there could be savings but the Board wanted to keep that contract. R. Sirpenski noted the non-salary accounts are a needs based budget. They are actual spending. There would be no direct impact on classes. The leveling of classes may be gone. The Curriculum Director position was discussed. Discussion of having stipends for those duties. Discussion of cutting \$40,000.00 in supplies and cutting \$80,000.00 from facilities. Capital outlay has already been cut. Health insurance is still an unknown. Superintendent Angeli outlined the budget process. W. Meese questioned if we can pre purchase for next year. R. Sirpenski noted that there is no place other than staff or programs for further cuts. Staff have bought only what has been needed. They don't waste money. The superintendent discussed the value of the Curriculum Director. He believes having stipends is an inefficient system. Previously the district had no Curriculum Director. Someone was overseeing the work. The high school could be placed on warning or loose accreditation. He outlined some of the duties of the position. D. Whitcher would like to see more data on the position. W. Meese would like to see the pros and cons of the Curriculum Director, and contracting out maintenance. J. Nowosad noted that the idea to cut the curriculum position has been put forth at RHAM. They are not a Pre K to 12 district. A. Birrell noted that they have one and one half assistant principal positions . J. Nowosad noted that there have been State cuts in the eastern part of the state. We may have to make do for this year; there will be harder decisions next year. D. Whitcher would like to be presented with other options and what a restructure would look like. W. Meese noted we still have time to talk about options. He would like the information for the May subcommittee meeting. A. Margerelli-Hussey cautioned to take away too much in the budget. It is difficult to get a position back once it is gone. Don't know what will happen next year.

2. Possible fiscal impact of the School Resource Officer on the 2018-2019 Budget
W. Meese noted that the Board of Finance would like to have a Resource Officer in the district. Superintendent Angeli reported that there would be no impact on the budget. The officer would need a phone line, furniture and space, which we have. The position would be based out of the high school. The position would come with training and equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Chapman
Board Clerk