

Business Coordinator Report
BOE Meeting February 23, 2022
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At the special meeting of the Board of Education on February 17, 2022, The superintendent presented a draft 2022-2023 Board of Education budget with an increase of 1.54%. Due to the high increase in the cost of living over the past year, the superintendent included a 3.5% wage increase for non-affiliated, non-administrative staff. This staff includes paraprofessionals, school nurse, executive assistant, business coordinator, head custodian, recording secretary and substitute caller. Our medical insurance premium will rise 15% which is also included in the proposal. Finally, the rising cost of heating oil has been taken into consideration. Additional budget information may be found on the Hampton Elementary School website at: www.hamptonschool.org/board-of-education/boe-financial-statements/. Discussion and possible action on the proposed budget will take place at the regular Board of Education meeting on February 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Public comment is welcomed during the Audience for Citizen portion of the meeting.

The 2020-2021 Town Audit has been completed. The audit document should be received during the coming week and an electronic copy will be placed on the HES website. Our auditor proposed, and the town accepted, an adjusting entry which moved the expense of \$16,848.17 for a playscape unit to the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The playscape unit was ordered but not received during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Playscape units are approved items in our ARP ESSER grant application allowing us to charge the playscape unit to the ARP ESSER grant for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The audit of the school's EFS (Educational Finance System) annual report will now be reviewed by the auditor.

Medicaid statistics completed during the past month indicate the percent of Medicaid eligible students has remained steady since the start of the school year at approximately 30% eligible.

Respectfully submitted,

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