

1 **Board Member Attendees:** Scott Burns, Tim Dow, Deborah Brown, Jeff Savary (arrived 6:28 PM),
2 Anya Twarog, Susan Hallett-Cook, Paul Doucette, and Chris Kneeland

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4 **Absent Board Members:** Delaney Carrier

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6 **Administration:** Daniel LeGallo – Superintendent; Amanda Bergquist – Business Administrator;
7 Kevin Barbour – FMS Principal; Carrie Charette – FHS Principal; Susan Blair – PSS Principal; Robyn
8 Dunlap – IT Director; Rebecca Butt – Special Education Director

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10 **Others:** Franklin Resident (1 person) and Cathy Viau (School Board Clerk)

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12 **Call to Order by Tim Dow, Chairperson, at 6:00 PM.**

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14 **Salute to the Flag**

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16 Tim Dow gave an overview of what has occurred in the budget so far and the process. The School
17 Finance Committee created some recommendations that will be reviewed later which only totals
18 \$60,000. But the entire board would need to agree. The Superintendent’s initial cuts are already
19 included in this budget. There is a projection that the district will receive about \$102,000 from city CPU
20 of 2.1%.

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23 The initial budget from the Administrative Team was for \$16,099,705. The Superintendent with
24 Administration cut \$427,538.37.

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26 The consensus is that the board and the community need to advocate for the kids.

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28 EEI was met with a couple weeks ago for the energy audit \$1.5 million project and will know more next
29 week about the roof.

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31 Tax revenue won’t be confirmed until April or May.

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33 The Teacher CBA was passed last night.

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35 There is not a lot left to cut. This is already a needs budget. The city and community needs to support
36 the children of the community. Teachers already pay for many things for their class including supplies.
37 We have to present a needs budget. The buildings are in need of much repairs such as boilers as we
38 have one that has been red tagged. The city is aware of these deficiencies in the schools. When the
39 Energy Audit is completed we would receive a \$160,000+ in rebates and over \$76,000 in energy savings
40 per year for 17 years.

41 Discussion was held regarding athletics, transportation, supplies, staffing, etc.

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43 Discussion was held regarding the projected revenues.

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45 The “Proposed Budget Cuts” were discussed and voted on one by one:

1	10-1100-561-3	cut	50,000 Sped LEA
2	10-1210-561-1-6		25,948 Special Education
3	10-1210-561-2		24,858 Special Education
4	10-1210-563-2		24,122 Special Education
5	10-1210-564-1-6		64,000 Special Education
6	10-1210-735-2		500 Special Ed computers
7	10-1210-735-3		500 Special Ed computers
8	10-2152-330-1-4		50,000 Speech
9	10-2160-116-1		20,000 Occupational Therapy
10	10-1100-112-2		55,700 Teacher
11	10-1100-610-2		2,000
12	10-2410-115-3		10,000 decrease of an additional secretary
13	10-2410-240-2		2,000 Tuition/Conferences
14	10-2410-241-1-6		1,000 Tuition/Conferences
15	10-2410-241-3		2,000 Tuition/Conferences

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17 Grant funds will be used for professional development.

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19 Discussion was held regarding the increased need to add another district COTA, part-time grant writer
20 and high school secretary.

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22 Other ideas for decrease but not approved yet were: Substitutes; Sports discussion (tabled until next
23 meeting with the AD present); Field Trips.

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25 Other items discussed and cut were: School Board Salaries/Supplies/Advertising totaling; Repair and
26 Maintenance level fund at all three schools in the amount of \$15,440.50 (Bathroom partitions, etc.).

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28 The total of all cuts made today is \$380,609.50 bringing the total budget to \$15,291,557.19.

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30 The projected grants for next year are Title I Part A; Project AWARE (last year); IDEA Preschool: Title
31 II Part A; Adult Basic Education; Systems of Care (last year); and Adult High School.

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33 Revenue is decreasing in so many areas therefore education costs requested for the school will be
34 increasing.

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36 The CBAs contractual impact is \$200,000 in total.

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38 With the Business Administrator leaving the salary may have to increase to attract candidate which will
39 be an impact to the budget.

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41 An update was provided regarding the FLIPP Program.

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43 The district is in need of so much more resources, human resources, reading resources, etc.

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45 More training to help increase knowledge and understanding in Math is needed.

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1 Other topics discussed were the levels of tiered intervention, LLI levels, coordination between buildings,
2 transition assistance, supplies for students and staff, support for behavioral issues, in school programs,
3 technology education is lacking, sharing of staff between buildings is difficult, NEASC finalization,
4 impact on morale in the district, potential need for reductions in force, the principals are working
5 together more closely, board and administration making attempts to help increase morale, etc., declining
6 enrollment everywhere but no decline in costs, Concord is working on funding loss issue (losing 4% per
7 year in stabilization), responsibility of the City to fund education, ALCU and SB 193 – School Choice,
8 reached out to the Mayor to discuss funding, tax percentage disbursement of tax revenue, must invest in
9 education to move the community forward, and questions should be emailed to Amanda Bergquist and
10 Daniel LeGallo.

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12 **Adjournment**

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14 **MOTION:** Deborah Brown moved to adjourn at 7:12 PM, seconded Chris Kneeland.

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16 **Motion Carried – Unanimous**

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