

The Cape Elizabeth School Board held a Workshop meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2018 in the Cape Elizabeth High School Library and Learning Commons. The meeting began at approximately 6:30 pm.

A video recording of this meeting will be available online as part of the workshop meeting materials. <https://goo.gl/Nbzyjk> All budget information can be found online at - <https://sites.google.com/a/capeelizabethschools.org/budget>

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BUDGET WORKSHOP - MINUTES

Finance chair John Voltz opened the meeting by briefly summarizing previous budget discussion topics.

A 'parallel budget with a 9% increase to taxes' was requested of the Superintendent following the last budget workshop.

- Reduction of 0.25 FTE science teacher position.
- Reduction of technical theater teacher position from 0.5 to 0.3 FTE.
- Return Student Support Coordinator to Classroom Teaching position in order to retain Reading Recovery/Literacy Interventionist Teacher following retirement.
- Reduction in Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), including Pond Cove Playground.
- Reduce English Language Learner (ELL) Teacher position to 0.5.FTE.
- Reduce staff professional development funding by one-quarter.
- Eliminate funds for Accuplacer-college placement software for SY19.
- Reduction in supplies, textbook, equipment lines for schools

- Engineering/architect firm has offered a significantly lower up-front Feasibility Study fee for the proposed School Complex renovation (\$249,350).
- Retain district custodian position.

See document online: '2018-2019 Budget Changes as of 04.10.18'.

Public comment:

Bill Gross - spoke to Board seeming to redirect capital improvement program funds in order to keep operating costs/tax increases lower; overall professional staff to student ratios have gone up

Dave Croft - spoke to reallocation of literacy teacher and impact to special education/services

Superintendent Colter spoke briefly to CIP account funding and staffing increases. Historically, when a bond was retired the funds that would have paid that bond were moved into CIP account. Last year that account funding was cut by one-half as a way to lower the tax rate. Staffing increases have been in response to changing needs in our schools. Special Services Director Jessica Clark spoke briefly to changes in just the special education model from years ago.

The School Board will consider a vote to approve their 2018-2019 budget during their regular business meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Howard P. Colter
Interim Superintendent of Schools