

**Budget Committee Minutes
Tuesday, February 12, 4:00 p.m.
Hampden Academy - Library**

Present: Superintendent Richard A. Lyons, Assistant Superintendent Regan Nickels, District Accountant Trish Hayes, Budget Chair Rob Frank, Committee members, Jayne Dyer, Jessica Hamilton, Allan Gordon, Board member Mary Anne Royal, District Administrative team members, Winterport Town Manager Michael Crooker

Topic of discussion: Articles 4 - Other Instruction: Athletic/Co-Curricular

The meeting opened at 4:02 p.m. Committee member Allan Gordon motioned to approve the January 22, 2019 meeting minutes, second by Committee member Jayne Dyer. The vote was unanimous.

Update on previous articles (9, 10, 11) – no updates at this time.

Next meeting, March 5th, will have updates based on ED-279 predicted to arrive on February 15th.

Article 4: Other Instruction was introduced. Co-curricular activities occurring outside of the school day but extending related curriculum taught during the day are included in this article. Extra-curricular activities considered important and enriching in child’s development but not connected to the daily curriculum, primarily athletics, are also included in Article 4.

The Budget Report by Article Cover sheet was reviewed. Increase of \$76,898.50 to a total of \$886,572.69 was discussed. This article is 9.5% higher than FY19.

RSU #22 Budget Report by Article
Presented: February 12, 2019

	FY19 Budget	FY20 Proposed	Incr/(Decr)	% Incr/(Decr)	% of Total Variance
Article 4: Other Instruction	\$809,674.19	\$886,572.69	\$76,898.50	9.50%	
The costs of Co- and Extra- Curricular programs at the middle and high school levels					
* Increase in stipends and associated benefits for coach/advisor positions	\$559,203.76	\$573,982.81	\$14,779.05		
* Increase in transportation	\$70,178.53	\$94,215.38	\$24,036.85		
* Increase in officials and associated benefits and trainer @ HA	\$83,873.46	\$120,015.06	\$36,141.60		
			<u>\$74,957.50</u>		

Article 4 costs have been increasing over the past few years primarily due to costs associated with personnel, transportation and officials. Warrant article transfers have been required over the past three years. FY18 transfer was \$19,215. In FY17 the transfer was \$28,000. The increased expenditures were discussed. RSU #22 employs 86 coaching positions and 76 co-curricular positions. Coaches and advisors are paid through stipends. The value of the ERPs which are the basis of stipends has increased in the current contract year to \$111.87 and \$114.11 in FY 20. In addition, an experiential factor is built into the stipend calculation. Associated benefits increased as well. Total increase \$14,779.05.

Transportation increases of \$24,036.85 were noted. Increase in costs for officials and associated benefits (ie. social security, medicare, unemployment, workers' comp.) were also noted.

New cost in FY20 – Athletic trainer. History – Hampden Academy (HA) previously employed a position at the Academy which was a part-time Athletic Trainer. Limited services were available at the middle schools. A recent contract with EMMC (Northern Lights) was signed which serves HA primarily with attention to the middle schools for limited fall and spring track services. Administration is meeting with EMMC later this month to discuss next year. This year the middle school budget supported the services primarily served at the high school though middle school football, cross country and track as well as intermittent trainer school visits occur. Funding has been proposed to adequately implement high school and middle services to the degree middle schools have experienced in the past. Hampden Academy Athletic Director Fred Lower spoke to the contracted services experiences and is very pleased with the services provided. The middle school principals spoke to the services offered at those schools. Trainers have been consistent at both middle and high schools during football games. Winter sports at the middle school have not seen trainer support. Once a week consultation for middle school sport management has been the norm this year. Significant reporting and communication from trainer to school, parents, nursing staff occurs and is desirable. The budget is proposed to support levels of middle school trainer support at levels more consistent with past practice two and three years ago.

Breakdown of Article 4. Inside each of the categories:

- Summer school. \$3,000 to allow for student credit recovery outside of Title and special education services.
- Elementary Co-Curricular. Inter-district transportation costs were included. Stipends, dues and fees.
- Secondary Co-Curricular. Stipends, dues/fees.
- Hampden Academy Graduation costs. Increased by \$750.
- Elementary Extra-Curricular. Stipends, officials, purchased services – such as timing services for track meet, announcers, scorekeepers. Supplies. Purchased services for safety measures e.g. Football helmets (all that were worn) and a % of shoulder pads need to be reconditioned each year.
- Athletic transportation costs were increased for FY20 to right size the lines.
- Secondary Extra-Curricular. Includes all of the above and the costs of the Athletic Director.
- Athletic field maintenance is included in Article 9 Facilities Maintenance.
- Article 4 is approximately 2% of the total district budget.
- Senior Walk – Graduating seniors are brought together and march two by two past the students at each school in the district. Will continue into the future.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5th. Articles 1 – Regular Instruction and 2 – Special Education are on the agenda.

Committee member Dyer motioned to adjourn, Committee member Gordon seconded and the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

cc: Board of Directors