

## **Finance Committee Workshop**

**DATE:** May 8, 2017 6:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Central Office

**Members Present:** Corinna Caron, Susie Hopkins, Bill MacDonald, Don Mendell

**Other Board Members Present:** Jason Sholten

**Staff Present:** Mike Hammer, Trish Hayes, Don Roux, Liz Mares, Angela Brown, Jane Stork, Denise Kimball, Lori Merrow, Suzanne Nowinski, Maxine Pare, Josh Grant, Ellen Surprenant, Mary Nadeau

- I. Public Comments – None**
  
- II. Review 2017 – 2018 Revised Budget.** Trish reviewed the answers to the questions the committee asked at the previous meeting. The errors that were previously found have been corrected and an updated version of the budget was available for the members. The discussion continued on closing the Hartland school. The DOE has confirmed that since the closure process had already been put in place due to the district's 5-12 building project an early closure of any building would be approved by the DOE. Cost savings were discussed. Superintendent Hammer explained that he took a conservative approach to the closure and left funds in the Hartland maintenance budget to continue the expenses necessary to keep the building heated and safe in the event of a closure. Bill questioned how we could reduce the cost of plowing and mowing the location if those were contracted services. It was explained that the facilities director would negotiate those items if we were not occupying the building. A note was taken to ask the facilities director to respond directly to Bill regarding these concerns. The superintendent suggested inviting the full board, town officials and the public to the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to start an open dialog about the possible closure of the school.
  
- III. Other –** Susie Hopkins was voted the committee chair until the board organizational meeting in June.
  
- IV. Adjournment 8:40**