

**NOTTINGHAM BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15, 2024  
PUBLIC SESSION  
NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT:**

Michael Kelly, Chair  
Owen Friend-Gray, Vice Chair  
Sandra Jones  
Robert Kelly  
Charlotte Fyfe  
John Decker  
Brent Tweed  
Thomas Butkiewicz (via speaker phone)  
Jeffery Morrison  
Tim Dabrieo, BOS Representative alternate for Steve Welch  
Megan Sabasco, School Board Representative

**ABSENT:****OTHERS PRESENT:**

Marie Slozak of 3 Strawberry Lane and Caroline Ganier of 111 Smoke Street

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance and then introduced themselves for the benefit of the audience and television broadcast.

The chair read the amended Article 2 related to the Nottingham School District Warrant after the change made at Deliberative Session on February 7, 2024. There was some discussion about the amount in the amended article as it reflects an increase of \$40,759.31 and the amendment approved from the floor at deliberative session was an increase of \$40,760. As the difference between the two numbers is only \$0.69, the committee thought that this was negligible.

**Ms. Jones made a motion to recommend the updated budget number in Article 2 which was seconded by Ms. Fyfe.** There was discussion about the amount of work that went into the presented proposed budget and agreement with the school board. It was also discussed that there were 2 new high school student move ins and there was a good possibility that the paraprofessional position would not be filled either way. There was also discussion about voting over the phone where Tom was not able to attend in person as he was out of town. Tom Kelly said that he had received an email from Ellen that he would be able to vote as long as he could hear everyone and everyone could hear him. Megan also said that the school board has also taken votes for absent members over the phone as long as they did a roll call vote. The committee agreed to progress in this fashion as we were under a time deadline and it was not possible to post a meeting and get everyone to attend in person within the constraints. Tom called for the vote and the results of the roll call are as follows:

- Sandra Jones - Yes
- Robert Kelly - No
- Charlotte Fyfe - Yes
- John Decker - No
- Michael Kelly - No
- Owen Friend-Gray -Yes
- Brent Tweed - No

- Megan Sabasco - Yes
- Jeffrey Morrison - No
- Tim Dabrieo - Yes
- Tom Butkiewicz via Speaker Phone - No

**The motion failed 5-6.**

There was discussion around minutes from the January 18, 2024 meeting as they were only received earlier today. The committee was encouraged to review them and provide feedback to Ellen while the meeting was still relatively fresh to all so they could be approved next meeting. Next meeting date is to be determined..

As there was no further new business, **Ms. Jones made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Morrison. The Budget Committee voted unanimously in favor of that motion** and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Decker