

**Colebrook School Board  
Public Hearing School Budget  
Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date</b>	2/7/2023
<b>Time</b>	7:00 pm – Public Hearing School Bond;
<b>Location</b>	Colebrook Academy & Elementary School Cafeteria
<b>Chairperson</b>	John Falconer

**Attendance**

Attendance Legend: **P** - Present **E** - Excused **A**- Absent **R** - Remotely

School Board Members				Principal		SAU Members	
P	John Falconer	P	Robert Murphy	P	Kim Wheelock	P	Debra Taylor
P	Deb Greene	P	Tim Stevens		<b>Asst. Principal</b>	P	Bridget Cross
P	Craig Hamelin	P	Tanya Young	P	Ron Patterson		
P	Nathan Lebel				<b>College Career &amp; Technical Education Director</b>		
				P	Tia Cloutier		

**Public in Attendance:** There were approximately 75 community members in attendance at the meeting.

**Minutes**

Item		Action
1.	The Public Hearing on the School Budget was called to order at 7:06 pm by Chairman John Falconer.	
2.	<p><b>Public Hearing: 2023-2024 School District Budget</b> John reviewed the warrant articles which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Two articles for the proposed bond,</li> <li>✓ One article for the proposed teacher’s collective bargaining agreement cost items, and</li> <li>✓ One article for the proposed school budget.</li> </ul> <p>Highlights of the school budget include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The proposed budget reflects an increase of \$430,921. or 5.8%. This includes all warrant articles noted above. *</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The projected revenues reflect a decrease of \$464,955 or 9.3% less than current year *</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Based on the proposed budget, collective bargaining agreement and bond, the estimated amount of the local tax rate increase is \$4.21/per thousand.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The state tax rate will increase \$0.44/per thousand.</li> </ul> <p>*(We deducted the \$2,000,000 CA budgeted sale from the budget to arrive at this amount)</p> <p>John also noted that the amount for first year bond contribution would change after</p>	

the final year one bond amount was calculated based on the announcement of the donation and new construction information that came to light today.  
Mr. Jon Frizzell facilitated the question-and-answer segment that followed.  
Questions from the audience concerned the reasons for the tax increase, request for explanation of reduced revenue, amount of teacher raises and staffing plans for the coming year.  
The public hearing on the budget adjourned at 8:10 pm. .

Respectfully Submitted:  
Debra Taylor, PhD.  
Superintendent

Minutes Adopted: 2-21-23