

The Fremont Budget Committee was in session during the day of Deliberative Sessions for the Town and School District, beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday January 30, 2021. These meetings were held at Ellis School following Covid-protocol guidelines. The following Budget Committee members were present in the main meeting room (Pettingill Hall): Mary Jo Holmes, Pat Martel, Jon Benson, Michael Nygren, Steve Bonaccorsi, and Gene Cordes. Members Gordon Muench and Joshua Yokela were present via Zoom option in a portable classroom in the parking lot.

Various other Town Officials and residents were also present.

Members participated in both Town and School sessions. The Committee convened particularly at the end of the School District Deliberative Session to discuss the additional funds put into the operating budget of \$100,000 to hire a Spanish teacher.

There was discussion at the end of the Deliberative Session with the School District's Attorney about whether the Committee should revote now or hold another meeting. Committee members were generally supportive of the matter, and wanted to have the Committee officially consider it today.

The six members who were in the meeting room convened at a front table and discussed the matter. They voted 6-0 to recommend this addition to the operating budget. Muench and Yokela could not be contacted inside the modular classroom for the vote.

This change to the School District operating budget was the only action Committee members took.

The meetings concluded after the end of Town Deliberative Session at approximately 11:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Administrator