

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 23, 1998

6:00 P.M. BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Gray, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready, and Assistant City Administrator Peter Crichton.

ALSO PRESENT: School Committee Members Rotundo, Bernier, O'Brien, Paradis, Handy, St. Pierre and Superintendent Robert Connors.

ABSENT: School Committee Members Silva and Shannon.

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Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of silence.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Robert Connors, Superintendent of Schools, presented the proposed School Department 1999 Fiscal Year Budget.

The original budget totaled \$36,282,197. This amount was reduced by the Superintendent and other administrators to a working budget of \$31,755,222, which represents a 12.6% increase. The School Committee then voted unanimously to approve a 98-99 budget of \$30,920,384, for an increase of 9.6%.

Lewiston will receive \$13,483,693 in General Purpose Aid, which is an increase of \$360,387 over 1997-98. The 1998-99 budget includes a number of new positions. The School Committee Chair, Peggy Rotundo, made a presentation on the school budget. School Committee members Ronella Paradis, James Handy, and Paul St. Pierre spoke to the Mayor and Council on the importance of education to the future of the community.

A question and answer period followed the presentation.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kelly J. Mercier
Deputy City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine