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Attending: Karyn Curran – Chair, Amy Rouse – Vice Chair, Jane Arthur, Maryellen Charles, Jeannie Conley, Tim Downing, Jean Franklin, Peggy Lovejoy, Brandy Morgan and Dixie Ring

Also Attending: Jean Franklin, Jean Pillsbury, Brent Colbry and Jon Moody

Union Representatives: Patty Moody, Eileen Crowley and Jeremy Lehan

Assistant Superintendent Jon Moody reviewed the latest revised District Wellness Policy. There were minor changes and some clarifications made to the language. The changes were the result of a Wellness Committee input together with help from Somerset Public Health.

The Committee recommended the revised policy be approved.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the revised District Wellness Policy as presented.

The Superintendent reviewed the latest updates to the draft budget. The Committee reviewed additional reductions to the current draft totaling \$681,613. \$200,000 additional dollars was transferred from the District's undesignated fund balance and the budget calls for a possible increase of up to \$511,839 or (3.71%) in new local tax dollars.

After some discussion, the Committee expressed support for the proposed budget draft.

The Committee reviewed the option of adding an article to the budget warrant authorizing the Board to be able to utilize any additional subsidy that might become available after the budget has been passed to use some money on necessary budget expenditures not included in the current draft, to put some in a reserve fund balance and/or return some to taxpayers. These decisions would be determined by the total amount of any new State Aid.

There was support for placing this article on the warrant.

The Board will meet on May 4, 2017, to do a final review of the budget prior to the final adoption on May 11, 2017.