

**TOWN OF GILL**  
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**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
*January 31, 2018*

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Members Present: John Ward, Greg Snedeker

Members Absent: Randy Crochier

Others Present: Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant; various members of the Montague Finance Committee and Montague Selectboard; GMRSD Superintendent Michael Sullivan and Business Manager Joanne Blier

The Montague Finance Committee hosted the meeting at the Montague Town Hall for the purpose of reviewing the GMRSD's preliminary budget for FY19. The Gill Selectboard and Finance Committee were invited to attend and participate. There was no quorum of the Gill Finance Committee, although Chair Timmie Smith and Member Sandy Brown were present.

GMRSD Superintendent Michael Sullivan presented the preliminary budget for FY19 using an 18-page handout dated January 23, 2018.

Highlights from the handout:

- There has been a slight increase in district enrollment in both FY17 and FY18.
- From FY16 to FY19 there has been an upward shift in the percentage of revenue coming from town assessments, increasing from 49% to 53%. Other major categories have shifted slightly.
- Projected Medicaid reimbursements for FY19 are down 62.3%, which takes into account changes to correct the types of expenses for which the District is reimbursed. The amount reimbursed to the District will be reduced as part of a repayment of excess reimbursements collected by the District in the past 5-6 years. The exact amount of the reimbursement was not disclosed, as the details of the repayment plan have not been finalized.
- The preliminary budget was developed with Montague's "Affordable Assessment" in mind. Factoring in the "minimum contributions" calculated by the State, Gill's operating assessment is \$1,619,622, an increase of \$3,179 (0.20%). Montague's assessment is 9,612,618, which is a 4.99% increase and is \$65,843 more than their "Affordable Assessment."
- The percentages of the budget for major expense categories are relatively unchanged between FY16 and FY19.
- Sullivan noted the proposed budget reflects cuts: \$230,000 for a reduction of 1 elementary and 3 secondary faculty positions; \$71,000 reduction in facilities, operations, and utilities; \$54,000 reduction in textbooks, supplies, and equipment; and a \$25,000 reduction in professional development.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Purington, Administrative Assistant.*

*Signed copy on file. Approved on 2/21/2018*

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Greg Snedeker, Selectboard Clerk