

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
1st READING OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET
MAY 11, 2021**

*NOTE: Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held virtually (via ZOOM),
and was live streamed on the City's website*

Mayor Casavant called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call: William Emhiser, John McCurry, Jr., Robert Quattrone, Jr., Norman Belanger, Michael Ready, Doris Ortiz

Stephen St. Cyr and Amy Clearwater were excused.
Marc Lessard was absent.

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Public Hearing: Proposed FY22 School Department Budget

Mayor Casavant opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

Orders of the Day:

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 11, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Maine Dept. of Education has determined the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, for Biddeford, as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act to be **\$31,056,373.**

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council does appropriate and will raise the sum of **\$19,467,707** for the Biddeford School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education for kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2-A, section 15688.

Explanation: The Biddeford School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Ready to grant the first reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 11, 2021**

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council does appropriate and will raise the sum of **\$2,484,573** for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the City Council for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the City of Biddeford's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the municipality's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was approved by the voters.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Ready to grant the first reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 11, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council will raise and appropriate \$1,455,251 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,455.251 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Biddeford School Committee.

The Biddeford School Committee recommends \$1,455,251 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,455,251.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Biddeford budget for educational programs.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Ready to grant the first reading of the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 11, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council does hereby authorize the Biddeford School Committee to expend \$40,139,313 or the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 from the City of Biddeford’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools, and broken down as follows:

REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$14,626,698
SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ 7,264,150
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$ 3,073,922
OTHER INSTRUCTION	\$ 692,087
STUDENT & STAFF SUPPORT	\$ 2,655,913
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,148,203
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,670,118
TRANSPORTATION & BUSES	\$ 1,703,293
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,787,996
DEBT SERVICE & OTHER	
COMMITMENTS	\$ 3,504,855
LL OTHER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 12,078</u>
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET	<u>\$40,139,313</u>

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the School Department is authorized to accept grant funds during the fiscal year and to expend such funds for the purposes for which they are intended.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Ready to grant the first reading of the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 11, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of \$765,132 for ADULT EDUCATION for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and does hereby appropriate and will raise the local share for ADULT EDUCATION in the amount of \$332,304.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that Biddeford Adult Education is authorized to expend any additional, incidental or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the wellbeing of the Adult Education Program.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Emhiser to grant the first reading of the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 11, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum **\$1,383,773** for School FOOD SERVICE (“Hot Lunch”) for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$1,383,773** in estimated revenues is adopted in support of FOOD SERVICE, with a local share for FOOD SERVICE in the amount of \$0.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Ready to grant the first reading of the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

2021 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...MAY 11, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby adopt the following estimated revenues and appropriations from fund balance in support of the general fund budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

School Estimated Revenue:	
Education:	\$ 502,647
Adult Education:	\$ 200,726
State Allocation to Education:	\$ 14,535,380
Appropriations from Fund Balance, K-12:	\$ 1,693,755
Appropriation from Fund Balance, Adult Education:	\$ 232,102
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 17,164,610
FROM FUND BALANCE:	

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Ready to grant the first reading of the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

2021.42 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 11, 2021**
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the city of Biddeford does hereby authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with ComStar of Rowley, MA for ambulance billing services at the rate of 3.8% of collected revenues.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Ready to grant the order.
Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Ready to adjourn.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 6:11 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk