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3 **Hopkinton School Board**
4 **Hopkinton, New Hampshire**

5 **ADOPTED MINUTES**
6 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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8 **School Board Meeting**
9 **Maple Street School – Cafeteria**

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11 **Tuesday, September 19, 2017 - 5:00pm**
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15 **IN ATTENDANCE:**

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17 ***School Board:*** Liz Durant, Chair; Dave Luneau, Vice Chair; Aviva Nestler, and Matt Belanger, Board
18 Members

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20 ***Student Board Representatives:*** Cooper Kimball-Rhines, Jackson Locke

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22 ***Administration:*** Mr. Steven Chamberlin, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Michelle Clark, Business
23 Administrator

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25 ***Invited Guests:*** Mr. Tom Seekins, Siemens

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27 **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

28 Ms. Durant called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Public
29 Hearing was opened at 5:00pm.

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31 Superintendent Chamberlin stated the purpose of the public hearing was to gather public input on the
32 entering of a Lease Purchase Agreement and Energy Performance Contract financing to conduct
33 facility improvements related to deferred maintenance in the Hopkinton School District.

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35 Superintendent Chamberlin stated that the Performance Contract approach has been used in neighboring
36 communities Hillsboro-Deering, Barrington, and Oyster River. The process started with the Business
37 Administrator and Mr. Seekins of Siemens followed by a meeting with the Superintendent. The idea was
38 brought to the Facility Committee with a presentation to the School Board last spring. An RFQ (Request
39 for Quote) was posted and companies submitted quotes to the District. The bid for the energy audit for all
40 buildings was awarded to Siemens.

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42 The scope of the project is \$2,260,767.

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44 Fundamentally this work was undertaken as a proactive approach for deferred maintenance - not a wait to fail
45 but to stabilize the areas of operation. Incentives and rebates amount to \$171,000. Current interest rates for
46 financing are under 3%.

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48 The work to be addressed:

- 49 1. Lighting Retrofit
- 50 2. Building Envelope Improvement - caulking
- 51 3. Refrigerator and Freezer Controls
- 52 4. Energy Efficient Transformers
- 53 5. Electrical Panel Replacement
- 54 6. Heating Boiler Replacements
- 55 7. Heating System Pump Replacement

- 56 8. Ceiling Mounted Unit Ventilator Replacement - pneumatics...DDC controls
- 57 9. HVAC Equipment Replacement
- 58 10. Kitchen Dishwasher Exhaust
- 59 11. Storefront Window Glass and Door Replacements
- 60 12. Automation Upgrades

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62 There will be an article to put money in the trust fund as has been done for the past few years. There will be a
63 public hearing to expend funds from the trust account. The goal was to go replace and increase energy savings
64 as much as possible without impacting the tax rate.

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66 Mr. Luneau asked when the first payment would be due and what the payment would be.

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68 Superintendent Chamberlin stated that the annual payment would be approximately \$175,000 for 16 or so
69 years and that \$75,000 of the payment would come out of the trust fund, \$100,000 from energy savings.

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71 The work will begin in about 10 months during off hours and school vacation breaks.

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73 **Public Comment**

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75 Mr. Arnold Coda

76 Mr. Coda asked for clarification how this will not impact the tax rate.

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78 Superintendent Chamberlin and Ms. Clark explained that funds from the unreserved fund balance are placed
79 in the Maintenance Trust Fund (warrant article). \$75,000 would be withdrawn from the trust fund through a
80 public hearing to fund part of the Performance Contract along with rebates (\$90,000/\$70,000) from the State
81 of NH (pellet stove) and Eversource incentive of \$8,000 (lighting). The tax impact comes from the notion that
82 money not returned to the town has a tax impact – it is on the revenue side, not the expense side.

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84 **Close Public Hearing**

85 Ms. Durant closed the public hearing at 5:36pm.

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87 Respectfully submitted,

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89 Brenda Vincent

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