

School Committee Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room
Monday, March 19, 2012
6:00 p.m.

Members attending: Keith Cheveralls, Piali De, Patty Wenger, Kirsten Wright, SusanMary Redinger

Keith Cheveralls called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

FY13 Budget

Superintendent Connelly talked through the final adjustments to the FY13 budget.

The Finance Committee approved an additional \$25,326 to the Draft #3 budget of \$11,483,279 making the FY13 budget total \$11,508,805. Additional Items to be funded are as follows:

\$4,000 – Bromfield Social Studies textbooks

\$4,000 – Bromfield English Department novels

\$7,000 – Middle School Drop in Center

\$10,326 – Reduction in School Choice subsidy

The committee also acted to move \$23, 475 for the Groundskeeper Salary from the School Budget to the DPW budget as requested by the Finance Committee.

SusanMary Redinger made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to move that we transfer \$23,475 from the Field Maintenance Salary in the school budget to the DPW budget.

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion

SusanMary Redinger made a motion and Piali De seconded to move to allocate in our budget \$7,000 toward the Minnow Cup, \$8,000 for textbooks for TBS and use the remaining \$10,326 to reduce the subsidy of the school choice account.

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion

Keith Cheveralls will send the Finance Committee the information on how the additional funds were allocated. Items included in the budget report are the following: the technology plan, the “Minnow Cup”, the World Language program at HES, the Middle School Language based class, NEASC, the Wellness Program at TBS, Project Interface, the 1.4 FTE Technology positions at TBS, an explanation of the zero based budget process used to prepare the FY13 budget, discussion of subsidies, and acknowledgement of the support from Harvard Schools Trust.

Discuss Warrant for Special Town Meeting

The Committee discussed whether to take a position on the redevelopment of Vicksburg Square by Trinity Financial. The Committee will provide analysis on how the Vicksburg Square development would/could impact the educational piece of the project. Susan Mary Redinger and Kirsten Wright agreed to put together an informational packet. The committee will schedule an off cycle meeting for March 23, 2012 at 2:00 to review the contents of the informational packet relative to the Super Town meeting and Vicksburg Square.

NEASC Accreditation Schedule

Dr. Connelly passed out the NEASC schedule for the upcoming accreditation visit. The School Committee will be meeting with the visiting team on Sunday, April 29th from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m. followed by the welcome reception from 4:15 to 5:15 at The Bromfield School.

Piali De made a motion and Kirsten Wright seconded to move that the meeting adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion

Mary Zadroga
Recording Secretary