

School Committee Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room
Friday, March 2, 2012
7:30 a.m.

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

Keith Cheveralls called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Discussion around future education issues to be discussed between Mass Development and representatives of Harvard School Committee – representative composition and meeting date also to be determined.

The Committee met to discuss educational issues relative to Trinity Financial's proposal to develop Vicksburg Square. A meeting will be scheduled for Monday, March 5th with Marty Jones from Mass Development. Kirsten Wright, SusanMary Redinger and Joseph Connelly will represent the Harvard School Committee.

The Committee joined by Selectman Ron Ricci created a list of questions to be answered at the Monday meeting with Mass Development.

1. How committed is Mass Development to continuing the contract with Harvard to educate the students residing at Devens?
2. Is Mass Development able to assure Harvard of a long term commitment to educate the students of Devens without disruption and in a financially viable way?
3. What is Mass Development's plan?
4. How does Mass Development feel this benefits the Harvard School system?

FY13 Budget

Due to developing staffing issues at HES the full saving of \$42,000 from two retiring teachers may not be realized. This could affect the funding for the World Language program. It was decided that the committee would ask the Finance Committee to add \$20K to the budget to fund the World Language program.

Piali De made a motion and SusanMary Redinger seconded to move that the School Committee ask the Finance Committee for an additional \$20,000 to support the World Language program as level service for FY13.

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion

Superintendent Connelly updated the committee that Harvard will be going forward with Project Interface for next year. Funding has been secured through a public health grant, Harvard Schools Trust, Harvard Lions Club and the Waters Foundation. Project Interface will benefit the whole town and will be highlighted in the FY13 budget book that goes home to all Harvard families.

Piali De made a motion and Kirsten Wright seconded to move that the meeting adjourn at 9:20 a.m.

VOTED (4/0) to accept the motion

Mary Zadroga

Recording Secretary