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Minutes for Meeting with Finance Committee and WRSD Officials

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Meeting Location: John Bauer Senior Center 17 West Street, Paxton, MA 01612

Members Present: John F. Malone, Chairman
Julia N. Pingitore, Clerk

Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

Darryll McCall introduced WRSD officials Joe Scanlon and Jeff Carlson

- January 11th was the School Committee retreat – 3 priorities
- Enrollment is expected to level off to 7,000 students

Salaries

- Unrepresented – replaced staff were less paid than new employees
- Substitutes – under budget - FY14 – FY15 restored.
- Large influx of student at High School

Reducing three classroom teachers at the elementary level

ELL teachers – none at the moment

2 ELL teachers needed

Chapter 70 lower due to less students

Charge backs - corrected against grants

	Health Insurance	Blue Cross
Active	PPO – 50/50	90/10
80/20		

Non med 90/10 - Blue Cross

80/20 – Medex

50/50 – Med

New hires and administration - 80/20

Instructional Supplies, equipment and tech

- Part of the contract
- Attendance taken
- Technology – 5 year plan
- All new copiers – print management contract
- Cost analysis – E books vs books. Nota able to do as of yet – not purchased a full series of books

Operations and Maintenance

- 9.6% increase
- 30% - custodial – nothing in FY13. Over budget FY14 - restoring

Special Education

- Providing more support within the schools rather than sending to other facilities.
- Decreasing \$175,901 – 8.4%
- Administrative estimates \$60,000 but no other impact
- Pothole a/c applied to for cost of administrative work.
- Other operational costs decreased.

Transportation

- \$406,262 - 7.6% increase due to Atlantic Express bankruptcy.
- AA – new bus service – 3 year contract
 - FY16 – 7.3 and FY 17 6.3
 - 47 new buses
 - 49 village buses

Debt Services

- MLC – higher student enrollment
- FY14 - 717 104 8.1%
- 726 195 9.42%
- Oil re. \$9,672 \$237,221 debt excluded
- Transportation aid will reduce asst.
- Included in transportation due to bankrupt bus company
- \$400,000 increase
- 80% increase requested by:

Jack Malone thanked the representatives.

Adjourned Meeting at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L Riches, Town Administrator