

Finance Subcommittee (of the School Committee)

12/12/22

Minutes

Jeanne Downs, chair

Ellen Grieco

Dr. Omar Easy, Superintendent

Tom LaFleur, Director of Finance and Operations

Jeanne called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm and noted the meeting is being recorded by Waycam.

The following items were discussed:

Public Comment

None.

Discussion of FY24 Budget and Budget Presentation

Dr. Easy reviewed the FY24 budget. He noted the big budget drivers of SpEd and Athletics. SpEd cost increases include a 14% Office of Services Division (OSD) increase for private out of district tuitions (the increase is typically closer to 2% annually) and increased transportation costs. For Athletics, the coaches' salaries are being moved to the operating budget. Dr. Easy also noted the increase in the School Committee line item primarily due to increase legal fees (both SpEd related and non-SpEd related), an increase in Curriculum and Instruction due to enrollment changes, and the remaining TCW teachers being moved to the operating budget. Full Day Kindergarten is fully funded in the FY24 budget.

A discussion ensued about how to present the budget information at the next SC meeting. Budget books will be given to SC members at the meeting and one will be provided to the town finance director as well. The subcommittee discussed the budget calendar including community presentations.

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Upon a motion made by Ellen and seconded by Jeanne, the subcommittee voted unanimously (2-0) to approve the September 19, 2022 and October 25, 2022 minutes.

Matters Not Anticipated

None.

Dr. Easy and Tom Lafleur left the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Ellen Grieco and seconded by Jeanne Downs, the subcommittee voted unanimously (2-0) to adjourn at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Downs

Corresponding Documents:

---September 19, 2022 draft minutes

---October 25, 2022 draft minutes