

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
APRIL 1, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT Faith D. Ballenger, James R. Drummey, John Greenlee, Marguerite H. Herlihy, Gordon A. Prime, Herbert A. Stone, Matthew R. Treadwell, Margaret Trowbridge, Alan J. Walsh, and Helen B. Wilkins

MEMBERS ABSENT Victor E. DiGregorio

Chairman Helen B. Wilkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with words of welcome to all followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

There was a motion by Alan J. Walsh, seconded by Matthew R. Treadwell to accept the Minutes of the March 25, 2010 meeting as printed. The vote was unanimous.

There was a group of parents and students in attendance in reference to the hockey team. Marguerite H. Herlihy addressed the group and stated that sports were not being addressed this evening. She further assured them that they would have an opportunity to discuss this with the School Committee.

Chairman Wilkins reported that the items under "Old Business", that Town Manager, Mark Green, asked that they be postponed until our April 15, 2010 meeting. They are Public Works, Parks, and Town Hall/Town Hall Annex.

There was a motion by Marguerite H. Herlihy, seconded by Alan S. Walsh to postpone the items under Old Business, Public Works, Parks, and Town Hall/Town Annex to the April 15, 2010 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Superintendent of Schools, Betsy St. Cyr and Business Manager, Michael Kucsma, presented the School Budget for the year July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011. Mr. Kucsma discussed the "total budget comparisons" FY 2008 thru FY11.

Superintendent St. Cyr stated that the articles being discussed this evening are down from last year due in part to retirements and a one-day Furlough day. She was happy to report that the School Department no longer has a debt service.

There was a motion by Marguerite H. Herlihy, seconded by John Greenlee to accept the Regular Instruction Budget as printed in the sum of \$14,568,337.00. The vote was eight (8) yes, two (2) no. Motion carried.

There was a motion by James R. Drummey, seconded by Marguerite H. Herlihy to accept the Special Education K-12 Budget as printed in the sum of \$4,742,380.00. The vote was nine (9) yes, one (1) no. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Marguerite Herlihy, seconded by Alan S. Walsh to accept the Vocational Education Budget as printed in the sum of \$1,374,175.00. The vote was nine (9) yes, one (1) no. Motion carried.

The balance of the School articles will be taken up at our April 8, 2010 meeting.

Margaret Trowbridge apologized for being late this evening. She stated that she had taken the "Right to Know" test and showed us her framed certificate. She had the opportunity to visit the new police station after the test and urged everyone to visit same.

There was a motion by Marguerite H. Herlihy, seconded by Alan S. Walsh to adjourn at 8:05 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith D. Ballenger
Secretary