



TOWN OF DARTMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS

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Action Items:

Pursuant to a call to order and notice duly given in the manner required by law and the By-laws of the Town of Dartmouth, a meeting of the Finance Committee was held on, Thursday, October 15th, 2009 at 6:30PM.at the Dartmouth Town Hall, Room 315.

Members Present: Patrick, Peter, Stephen, Greg, Mary Louise, Shannon, David, Jason
Members Not Present: Shannon

6:30PM – Pledge Of Allegiance

6:35PM Street Acceptances

Motion made by Mary Loiuse Do Not Recommend both street acceptances until all procedural items have been made.

2nd: Jason

VOTE – 7-0-0

6:40PM - Discussion around Full Day Kindergarten - Tuition vs. Non-Tuition Based

Mary Louise - suggested a straw poll of FIN COM members to gage where the board sits in its feelings
Peter commented that he made an assumption that the articles related to Full Day K were in favor of the board already and that we were ready to recommend knowing that we understood the bigger fiscal picture related to the start up costs and continues annual operating costs.

Patrick - approving the small steps (like the wind turbine) is very important – until we can make the final decision.

Greg – asked for feedback on his comments he has prepared for Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mary Louise that the FinCom will endorse a positive recommendation to explore FDK with the intention of implementing FDK in the fall of 2010 provided that it is financial feasible and sustainable to the town.

2nd: Jason

Vote: 7-0-0

Greg presented the subsidy matter argument that we need to prepare to discuss using public funds to subsidize a few in a tuition based program.

David – we should be prepared to discuss Tuition Based vs. Free Full-Day Kindergarten at town meeting next week and prepare our thought process in our recommendations we make to town meeting.

7:15PM - David – Discussion about Article 8 - 1st bullet small supplements and the “nurses contract”
He believes it had something to with impact bargaining . he asked if this was an employee of town or
contracted employee?

Mary Louise asked how much time they are spending here?

Peter – Clarified that this was not a raise but an increase in services. Use Contracted Nurses’ Services but
will verify with Ed.

7:30PM - Dr. Russell - Presented that the school committee in an affirmative vote that the building
renovations to Cushman and Quinn Schools should start at the beginning of the year (20101). They
understands the check and balance process but stated the phased step introduction to town meeting should
happen.

The FinCom confirmed there will be no wait and it will be presented as such at town meeting.

Dr. Russell stated that if at all feasible that a financial acknowledgement with in regard to outstanding
labor teacher contracts would be welcomed - Dr. Russell stated that there is no settlement at this time. Out
of town contracts still require work. If not some sort of validation would be needed. Yes you important and
No you not forgotten. His concern is in light of the investment the town is making into to FDK.

Peter - responded that this is something that is out of the FinCom purview and not in our control and we
would defer to Select Board.

Patrick: Did mention however that there is possible impact to our budget as contracts are negotiated.

Dr. Russell – He will address with SB as he does not want to miss the opportunity

Peter: Any other comments on the statements prepared for Town Meeting? There were none.

Greg asked Dr. Russell about after school program - child care offsets that would be offered to the FDK

Motion to adjourn to select board meeting Made by Stephen

2nd: Peter

Vote – 7-0-0

Stephen Mitchell
Clerk