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Present: Ron Mikol, Kevin Welch, Joe Dean, Harold Simmons, Dana Metzler  
Absent: Christine Muir

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Attending the meeting were school representatives Jim Frey and Luis DeLoureiro. The representatives explained how the issues arose and the outcome so far. The 2013 fiscal year is closed and finally balanced with the use of a significant amount of E&D.

The current 2014 fiscal year is running a deficit of an initial amount of \$900K. This has been reduced through use of some E&D and cuts to currently a shortfall of \$460K. There is hope that this will be reduced more and possible to zero by the end of the year.

The problem now facing the district is the upcoming 2015 budget. The worst case scenario is with an increase of 2 ½ over last year's appropriation the district will need an additional \$2.5 million from the two towns. This equates to \$600K for Dunstable. The current schedule calls for the school committee to make a presentation on February 12th and vote its budget on March 5th. This will be a budget at its highest amount, as they can reduce the amount later, but cannot increase it.

The discussion then moved to ways to accomplish funding the request. The residents of Dunstable would see a \$600.00 increase to their tax bill on average should an over ride pass. We suggested that the school committee seek ways to reduce the number as much as possible, with concessions from the union, and that nothing is held from cuts including special ed. Our goal is to work with the district to resolve the issue. Until we work through the town side of the budget and know the district's number we are with holding a recommendation at this time. It is unlikely that Dunstable will be able to fund the district without an over ride.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

*Dana Metzler*  
*Harold K. Simmons*  
*Joseph P. Dean*  
*Kevin Welch*  
*Ron Mikol*