

# **MEDWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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## **Board of Selectmen's Meeting-Final**

**March 29, 2010, 7:00 PM**

**Sanford Hall, Medway Town Hall, Village Street, Medway**

**Present: Chairman Espinosa, Selectmen John Foresto, Dennis Crowley, Glenn Trindade and Rich Dunne, Town Administrator Suzanne Kennedy and Board Secretary Wendy Harrington**

**School Committee: Diane Borgatti, Debora Trindade, Dr. Judith Evans, David Verdolino, Shelley Wieler, Jeff Devolder and Carol Bernstein.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

**The reason for this meeting is to review, in a workshop setting, the school budget, answer questions that have arisen and the review the impact statement.**

**Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant**, The signed grant is due to DOER by 3/31/10.

**Selectman Trindade moved that the Board authorize the chairman to execute a contract by and between the Town and DOER to accept the grant in the amount of \$150,000. Selectman Crowley second; Discussion: This is at no cost to the town. All eyes: 5-0.**

### **Discussion of School Dept FY11 Operating Budget**

A list of questions was submitted by each Selectman to John Foresto, who submitted this list to the School Committee Budget Sub Committee. The questions were reviewed and the School Committee answered.

A discussion took place on the energy budget and the process of paying down the bond.

Selectman Trindade requested the Town prepare a presentation on the Trane budget and recommend paying down the bond and present it to the Finance Committee.

A discussion took place regarding special education and the associated costs.

The School Committee and the Selectmen discussed the process in which unspent salary funds is spent.

Dr. Evans addressed a question of where in the budget is targeted to fix the deficiencies recognized by the state. She explained the new math program in grades 7 and 8 and other such strategies.

The alignment of services for the summer special education program and Camp Sunshine was discussed. Administrator Kennedy asked that a transition program be reviewed by the Selectmen. Dr. Evans asked that parents with concerns contact her office and explained that the Special Education Director would be presenting an overview to the School Committee in early May.

Page 11 of the FY2011 Proposed Budget and the numbers of teachers was explained for clarification purposes.

A discussion took place on ARRA and IDEA grants.

A discussion on changing the model of the High School administration staff by removing an assistant principal and changing to two deans were explained.

The IT budget for both the Town and School were reviewed. Rich Boucher, IT Director was present to discuss his staffing requirements.

Selectman Crowley asked for clarification on the Special Ed Director's recent budget presentation. The process to change students from IEP's to 504's was also explained.

Selectman Crowley discussed the process of hiring an energy project manager as an employee on the payroll and going forward if the process would remain the same and the reasons behind this decision.

The process of changing to MUNIS was discussed.

Mr. Crowley asked the School Committee to address the increase in the cost of textbooks and workbooks. He also asked specific questions related to the IT budget.

**Impact Statement for Hypothetical 5% Reduction in State Aid**

Dr. Evans presented her impact statement, explained the restructuring status at the Middle School and the Corrective action at the Memorial School and explained a \$500K+ reduction in staff.

Chairman Espinosa explained how important and informative these types of sessions are to understand the entire budget.

Mrs. Trindade suggested the IT change in staff and the budget “nuts and bolts” should be in a written procedure. Chairman Espinosa agreed with clarification going forward.

**Warrants**

Warrant #39 4/1/10

Town Bills \$66,564.93

Gross Payroll Town \$194,320.46

Gross Payroll School 762,755.98

Total \$1,023,641.37

**Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve that Warrants as read; Selectman Dunne second; No discussion; All ayes 5-0.**

The Selectmen reviewed the upcoming meetings scheduled. It was agreed that the meeting on 4/4/10 would be cancelled. Ms. Harrington will schedule the following:

4/5/10 Executive Session with Town Counsel 6pm

4/6/10 6pm meet with Town Clerk

7pm attempt to move meeting with Library Trustees to Sanford Hall to continue BOS business after finished with the Library. If the Library does not want to come to Sanford Hall, reschedule to meet with them another day.

4/8/10 7pm BOS wrap up anything else that needs to be addressed

**At 10:13pm Selectman Trindade moved that the Board adjourn for the evening; Selectman Dunne second; No Discussion; All ayes 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Harrington

Board Secretary

\*Approved 4/22/10