

Millbury School Committee

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Date: May 1, 2018

Meeting
SPECIAL SESSION
Minutes

2018 JUL -5 AM 9:32
MILLBURY, MASS.

Present: Mrs. Nietupski, Chairperson, Mr. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Teixeira, Mrs. Vigneau, Mrs. Lagerholm, Mr. Bedard, Business Manager, and Mr. Myers, Superintendent of Schools

Location: Millbury Jr. /Sr. High School Principal's Conference Room

Mrs. Nietupski opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Budget

a. Review of the Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Mr. Bedard reviewed the Annual Town Meeting warrant articles. Specifically, he reviewed articles 2, 4, 21, 23, and 36. Mrs. Nietupski also stated that article 19 could have an effect on the school department if the article fails. She also mentioned the funds allocated for road repairs.

Article 2 is for the municipal and school operating budget. Mr. Bedard discussed the implications of the FY 2019 budget with or without the additional \$120,811 in Chapter 70 state aid from the House version. The school committee had previously voted to include the \$120,811. The School Committee reiterated their intention to ask for the additional \$120,811 in state aid since it is not accounted for or listed in the annual town meeting warrant. The school committee would need to amend the amount on town meeting floor. Mrs. Nietupski stated that she will make the motion. She also reviewed with the school committee the language in her motion. The School Committee also stated that Senator Moore might be in attendance at the annual town meeting to voice support for the additional Chapter 70 funding. It was also noted by Mrs. Nietupski and Mr. Bedard that the town administrators and the Finance Committee are aware that the school committee voted on April 24, 2018 for a budget with the additional state aid. Mrs. Nietupski brought to Finance Committee Chairperson Jen O'Connell the spreadsheet outlining the changes she will be making on the town meeting floor.

Article 4 includes item B for \$100,000 for additional funding for the school's operating budget. In years past this was the Medicaid warrant article. There was some concern because this was coming from Free Cash. Item D, under Article 4, is for the school department's pick-up truck or multi-purpose activity bus.

Mr. Bedard stated that all the items listed under Article 4 total \$1,401,000.

Article 19 is regarding the one-time realignment of the property tax by using 18 months' worth of income instead of 12 months. The additional \$150,000 would not be available next year.

Article 21 is the warrant article needed to have the ability to procure a school bus contract for more than three years. Currently, under Chapter 30b, municipal school districts are limited to a 3 year contract. The longer term will hopefully allow for more competitive bidding.

Article 23 authorizes the maximum balance for the Student Parking Fees Revolving Account.

Article 36 is for \$297,800 for a Proposition 2 ½ Override for the school department. The school committee does not support this article and did not know it was being placed on the warrant.

b. FY 2019 Budget

A discussion took place regarding the FY2019 School Operating Budget with the additional \$120,811 from the Chapter 70 House version.

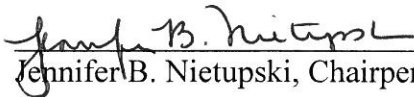
At 6:50PM Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wilbur made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Mrs. Teixeira. All approved (5-0)

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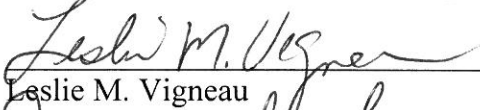
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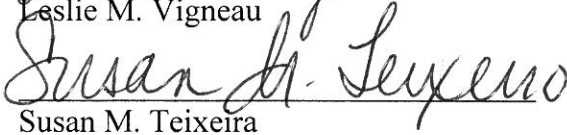
Respectfully submitted,
Richard G. Bedard, Jr.
Richard G. Bedard, Jr.
School Business Manager

Approved:


Jennifer B. Nietupski, Chairperson

Christopher J. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson


Leslie M. Vigneau


Susan M. Teixeira

Julia Lagerholm

Items in Packet:
5-1-18 Annual Town Meeting Warrant