

TOWN OF PRINCETON MA Princeton Advisory
Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2018

AC members in attendance: John Shipman, Judy Dino, Wayne Adams, Don Schoeny, Bill Lawton, George Handy, Jimmy O'Coin

AC members absent: none

SB members in attendance: Jon Fudeman, Edie Morgan, Richy Bisk, TA Nina Nazarian

SB members absent: none

WRSD members in attendance: Darryl McCall, and 3 staff members

Princeton WRSD school committee members in attendance: Bob Imber, Megan Weeks

Joint WRSD, SB and Advisory Committee (AC) Agenda

- Review WRSD FY19 Proposed Budget

Meeting Minutes

Joint Meeting Started at 7:30 PM

Darryl McCall led a discussion of the proposed draft FY19 WRSD Budget

Highlights of the discussion and next steps:

- Student enrollment is slightly down and expenses are up (>4%)
 - District enrollment down by 166 students. Most changes happen after grade 8, whereby some out of region students go to their own high school, some region students go to a private school, and in general, population shifts by town. WRSD to seek more details from those leaving the district to ensure quality of education and or lack of programs is the primary reason
 - Most expense increase attributed to new early learning programs, the new staff and materials, and additional emotional learning resources/staff/guidance counselors
- WRSD is into year 2 of their 5 year plan outlining the restoration of programs/staff cut a few years ago, as well as learning materials and technology refreshes.
- State still short changing districts/regions for special education and transportation costs
- Princeton portion of WRSD budget increase is up (>4%) .

No outstanding requests from the meeting. Final budget to be prepared once the school committee finalizes budget, based on state finalizing budget. March 12 is WRSD target date.

Upcoming AC meetings

- March 6th, 7:00 PM, joint meeting with FSC and SB for facility plans and recommendations
- March 8th, 5:30 PM to review town administrator budgets
- Tbd March 13th/14th 6:30PM for AC to review debt scenarios for FSC option A and B

Optional FSC public session for town residents, Saturday, **March 11th** , 11:00am-2PM

Handouts and Referenced Documents

- 3/5 FY19 Princeton Budget Presentation provided by WRSD
- 2/9 FY19 WRSD Budget Narrative

Minutes recorded by Wayne M. Adams, AC Member