

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES – February 12, 2014  
SUNDERLAND TOWN OFFICES**

**Present: Mr. Fydenkevez, Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Pierce**

**Others: Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator; Finance Committee-Aleks Kajstura, Sean Randall, Mark Zinan; School Administration-Marti Barrett, Superintendent; Patti Cavanaugh, Business Manager; Ben Barchefski, SES Interim Principal; Darius Modestow, FRS Principal; School Committee members-Doug Fulton, Justine Rosewarne, Traci Sackrey**


**Behind the Camera: FCAT**

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- Call to order at 7:01pm
- FY15 Sunderland Elementary School (SES) Budget – \$2,146,980; up \$61,248 from FY14. Patti Cavanaugh gave an overview of Elementary School budget request per Summary of Changes. 3 teacher retirement benefit payouts totaling \$83,290. Mr. Bergeron-revenues overview. Limited to \$150,000 in new revenues to support budget growth. Discussion regarding retiring teacher payouts and mechanisms to set aside funds. Discussion regarding funding retirement, stabilization, what constitutes post-employment benefits. Mr. Fydenkevez-schools make up 60% of town budget - revenues proportionate 60%. Two sides of budget-revenues and expense - Revenue dependent budget. Tired of state not contributing fair share. Discussion regarding school choice connection to budget reductions and growth. Appreciate transparency – there's some work to do on budget. Discussion regarding operating cost saving opportunities-technology and print services; contractual obligations-cost being paid from budget; transparency. School Committee feels that program restoration has been successful. Feels satisfied with where they're at. Mr. Fydenkevez-Would like to see FCAT and schools/students do projects together. Discussion regarding programs at SES. Ms. Barrett-technology improvements are coming; will reflect in budget in coming years. Discussion regarding areas to work (town/school) together to achieve savings/benefits. Discussion regarding school choice; cost of attendance.
- FY15 Frontier Regional School (FRS) Budget – \$1,811,006 operating assessment and \$29,922 debt assessment; up \$124,501 from FY14. Total FY15 draft FRS budget \$9,747,730. \$282,037 increase. Ms. Cavanaugh gave a budget narrative overview. Assessment and enrollment overview. Discussion regarding School Choice. Ms. Barrett-school subcommittees are working with legislators and town reps. to see if there's another way to look at School Choice, charter challenges. Mr. Fydenkevez-Town has about \$150,000 revenue increase so there's work to be done. Ms. Cavanaugh-Concerns with making funds available for building maintenance and technology. Discussion regarding technology needs. Mr. Fydenkevez-Request to talk to towns if Resource Officer is being considered. Discussion regarding Resource Officer. Franklin Tech is looking at resource officer but hasn't reached out to communities. Appreciation expressed for high quality information exchange.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pierce and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fydenkevez. Vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Z. Nartowicz  
Town Administrator