

February 15, 2012

A meeting of the **Action Committee** was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Multiservice Center. Present were members:

Geoff Swett (School Committee)
Dr. Barry Rabinovitch (Superintendent of Schools)
Mark Andrews (Town Administrator)
Ellen Begley (Board of Selectmen)
Mary Jane Driscoll (Capital Planning)

Mr. Swett opened the meeting and then recessed the meeting until the emergency meeting of the Board of Selectmen concluded.

Geoff Swett began discussion of the last bid that was done for transportation in relation to his profit and loss report and said that his analysis, in a worst case scenario, was that it was \$500,000 cheaper to do it ourselves rather than to privatize transportation. He then discussed the need to increase capital expenditures for transportation and that the committee needed to talk about how to fund that capital expenditure. Mr. Swett said that if we did not get additional funding, we would have to reduce services and that there were a couple of options:

- Charging for transportation for students in elementary school that were closer than 2 miles and charging all grades 7-12 students
- Eliminate grades 7-12 transportation and to have a three tier system where one elementary would start at time A, the other elementary start at time B, and the middle school start at time C.

Ellen Begley said that she was aware that the price of operating had increased and that for her to be able to get to a consensus, she needed to be able to find out all the information. She asked if she could get a different printout of the financials provided because they were too small for her to read.

Dr. Rabinovitch stated he would provide the copies to Mrs. Begley.

Mrs. Begley then brought up the fact that in the revolving account there were expenditures made to repair the under carriages of the vehicles because of rust. She still sees buses parked on grass at different residences around town.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Submitted by Dr. Barry Rabinovitch

