

February 13, 2013

Minutes of the Joint Meeting with Finance Committee

The School Committee meeting was called to order at approximately 6:03 p.m. in the Finance Committee room in the Multi-Service Center. Attending the meeting were Geoff Swett, Mike Flaherty, Rhonda Veugen, and Ken Fontes who arrived at approximately 6:30 p.m. After opening the meeting, Mrs. Donna Bronk, Chairwoman of the Finance Committee, gave the gavel to Mr. Heath, Vice-Chair, as she was fatigued because of her on-going chemo-therapy. As a show of solidarity members of both committees wore hats. A member of the audience passed out pink ribbons to be worn. Mr. Heath, Mr. Trudell, Mr. Worthen, Mrs. Donahue, Ms. Cottuli, and Mr. Cammarano were in attendance from the Finance Committee.

Mr. Heath stated that he appreciated the information given at the full day budget hearing and knew that funds were needed, but the Town was in the same position. Therefore, we needed to discuss what cuts could be made and their impact.

Dr. Rabinovitch explained that any cuts would be difficult; however, he was using creative problem solving to approach this problem.

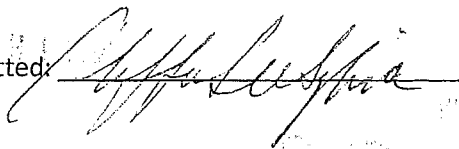
- After removing any increases from supply lines, \$137,269 could be cut.
- By replacing retiring teachers with lower salaried employees we can save another \$161,000.
- By replacing two therapists with less experienced staff we can save \$60,000.
- By reorganizing our Central Administrative services we can save \$135,000.
- By cutting the Instructional Leader positions we can save \$186,026.

All of these cuts totaled \$679,534. Mr. Sullivan has agreed to bond our textbooks and technology for a total of \$392,089. Together all these cuts add to \$1,071,623. The difference between what the Town has budgeted and what all our cuts equals \$677,603.

Each member of the school board talked about how difficult it would be to cut certain parts of the budget. Members of the finance board asked questions about the administrative reorganization. Mr. Worthen asked if other school districts rented their facilities to earn revenue.

The school board closed their meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m. and walked to the Wareham Middle School to open their regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



**List of documents:**

Town of Wareham FY14 Administrator's Budget 12/15/2012

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