

**WORTHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TOWN HALL  
WORTHINGTON, MA 01098**

**JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
2/24/2016**

**6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Chair John McDonald, Maria Bebee, Debbie Carnes, Alex Lak and Alison Todd. **Finance Committee:** Joe Boudreau, Paul Dunlevy, Alex Lak and Tom Wisnauckas

**Administrative/Staff:** Principal Gretchen Morse-Dobosz, Superintendent Craig Jurgensen and Secretary Gail Bergeron

**Guests:** Selectman Dick Wagner, Peggy O'Neal, Kathy Gaughan, Joel and Sara Upton.

**1. Call to Order** at 6:08 P.M.

**4. Update on condition of RH Conwell building:**

Pipes froze on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Fire department responded. Clean up took several days. School reopened on schedule after the winter break. Gail Bergeron is typing out a list for the insurance claim. Discussion occurred on why it happened and how to prevent it in the future.

**Budget:**

The Elementary School Budget decreased by \$39,437.40. The 2017 budget will have a surplus this year.

Line #20 may have an excess of \$20,000 because one of the three aides is being paid through the Preschool revolving fund. Line no 45: \$39,600 is estimated and has not been used. Eliminating this could leave no margin in case it is needed for FY2017. Discussion ensued.

Line # 2 Superintendent Salary/Business manager: An additional line adding \$6,500 to amount was discussed. This would transfer payroll to Hampshire Regional Central Office.

If money is paid out, the Finance Committee will recommend that the line item on Treasurer's salary should be cut the same amount.

Allison made a motion to accept the Administration's fiscal year 2017 budget proposal is for \$1,024,387. Maria seconded. The Finance Committee feels that most of the budget is acceptable. The Treasurer issue needs to be further discussed. Dick Wagner questioned if the transportation contract can be open for renegotiation schedule to include vocational transportation. Motion passed unanimously. The budget will be presented at the March 10 public hearing at 6:30.

**Preschool discussion:** The school will be applying for grants next year to help with the expenses. A firm number is not determined for next year. Revolving fund should not run out of funds this year. When the revolving fund was brought up at annual town meeting last year, it was just for last year. Strategies were discussed if funds did run out. No revenue was included on budget for preschool. The Finance Committee asked for the projections for next year and the estimates for what happened this year.

**Next meeting:** March 10 after the public hearing at 6:30.

**7. Adjourn:** Alex made a motion to adjourn at 7"43. Maria seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux  
Recording Secretary