

January 9, 2017
Finance Subcommittee Meeting

A meeting of the Finance Subcommittee of the Westfield School Committee was held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in room 315, City Hall, 59 Court Street. Members present by roll call were: Mr. Kevin J. Sullivan, Mrs. Cindy Sullivan, and Mr. Ramon Diaz. Other school committee members in attendance were: Mr. Jeffrey Gosselin and Mrs. Diane Mayhew. At 6:04 pm, Mr. Duval entered the meeting. At 6:12 pm, Mayor Sullivan entered the meeting. Also present: Mr. Stefan Czaporowski, Ms. Paula Ceglowski, Mrs. Pamela Kotarski, and Mr. Ronald Rix.

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Public participation, excluding personnel: none
2. Discussion of school year FY2018:
Mr. Kevin J. Sullivan stated that FY18 was going to be a difficult year.

Mr. Czaporowski reported that an early budget projection showed, in order to maintain a level service budget, an increase of \$2.9 million is needed. The increase is due to negotiated raises and step increases, in combination with severance pay which is being eliminated over the next five years. Also, an increase in special education tuition, transportation services, utilities, and professional development expenses.

Mr. Czaporowski shared several options to offset the projected budget increases with the Finance Committee. Options included staff reduction through attrition; staffing reconfigurations; restructuring of schools and programs; redistricting; and returning the Russell Elementary students to Westfield.

Mr. Diaz stated that we need to come up with creative ways to solve the problems.

A decision was made to notify parents and staff of options to offset the budget and invite them to a Finance Subcommittee meeting.

3. Discussion of legislative update on signing warrants:
A discussion took place regarding the legislative update on signing warrants. Mrs. Sullivan moved, Mr. Diaz seconded to bring forward the recommendation of signing warrants to the full committee at the next regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion passes.

At 7:01 pm Mrs. Sullivan moved, Mr. Diaz seconded to adjourn the meeting.
All were in favor. Motion passes.

Kevin J. Sullivan, Chair
Finance Subcommittee

A report on this meeting given to the school committee at the January 9, 2017 meeting.
Approved by school committee members at the _____ school committee
meeting.

Kevin J. Sullivan, Chair
Finance Subcommittee

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