Committee Members Present: Sarah Pregent (Chair), Andy McMichael, Jennifer Chioldi

Committee Members Absent: None

Administrators and Staff Present: James Taffel, Michael Dreiblatt, Stacy Anderson, Lisa Perreault

Visitors and Guests Present: Sonya Spaulding (BCMES School Board Chair), David Delcore – Times Argus

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Pregent at 6:34 pm.

No additions or deletions were made to the agenda

Upon motion (McMichael/Chioldi) duly adopted, the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2017 meeting.

Mrs. Perreault presented a draft and considerations for FY19 Budget Development. Items that had been revised since the previous draft presented to the board included some additions back for technology equipment and 7-8th grade athletic programs. Other adjustments were also made to the Special Education Assessments from the SU, including the reduction of a full time special education director. Overall changes reduced the potential budget increase to 3.7%, down from the 4% increase of the last draft proposed. Additional items still to consider include that funding for curriculum specialists that were no longer allowable under Title IIA Grants, may be allowable again. Administrators are waiting to confirm for FY18 and FY19. Mrs. Pregent also noted that there was still no confirmed teacher contract as well.

It was discussed that the proposed budget would be voted on at the next BCEMS School Board Meeting and subsequently presented to City Council later in the month.

No other business.
The next Finance Committee Meeting is set for February 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm.
Upon motion duly adopted, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Pregent, Finance Committee Chair