

**BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Barre Town Middle and Elementary School Library
April 28, 2016 - 5:00 pm

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chad Allen, Finance Committee Chair
Brent Tewksbury, Barre Town Board Member
Brenda Buzzell, Barre Town Board Chair
Kristin McCarthy, Barre Town Board Member

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Timothy P. Crowley, Principal
Jennifer W. Nye, Principal
Julia Pritchard, Director of Special Services
John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Erica Pearson, Assistant Principal
Lisa Perrault, SU Business Manager
Terrie Murray, Transportation Coordinator

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jay Paterson, Barre Town Board Member

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

2. Additions / Deletions to Agenda

None

3. Administration

The February 3, 2016 meeting minutes were accepted without revisions.

This year the full school board audit will be placed in Barre Town report. In FY17 the BTMES audit will be included in the SU assessment.

The Committee discussed three potential ways to handle salary increases; 1) increase individual line items pertaining to salaries by a certain percentage, 2) keep a larger than necessary contingency amount in the School Board line item or 3) or a combination of Options 1 and 2.

4. FY16 Budget

The current project surplus is \$106,502 representing 1.0% of the FY16 Budget.

Potential risks include potential pending "out of district" student placement at the New School in Montpelier. This could negatively impact the budget between now and the end of the year.

Maintenance activities that could impact the current year budget include new carpet in the preschool and placing new tiles. This may occur after July 1 in the FY17 budget.

5. FY17 Budget

Maintenance activities include new carpet in the 3rd grade classroom, this activity is likely to require testing for asbestos.

The Committee reviewed potential increases in personnel costs due to higher than desired student-teacher ratios in K-2 projected for 2017. The Administration will hold off on notifying K-4 students of who their teacher will be next year until the numbers of actual students in K-4 is solidified.

Mrs. Buzzell questioned how many students aren't spending their day in a classroom.

Mr. Crowley mentioned that the open environment currently existing in a majority of the school is not conducive to facilitating learning, however, the last time closing in classrooms was explored the cost was in the millions.

The Committee tabled a discussion on transportation bids and requested the Superintendent to write a request to AOE for an extension beyond the June 1, 2016 date to report on how the SU and BTMES will handle its transportation services to achieve compliance with Act 153 OF 2010.

6. Next Meeting Date

To be determined.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad A. Allen, Finance Committee Chair