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Hamilton - Wenham Regional School Committee
Capital Planning / Finance Subcommittee Meeting ([agenda](#))
Virtual Zoom Meeting [Link](#); Access Passcode: 4c0.A?aJ
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Monday, February 22, 2021 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Present:

Michelle Horgan, Chair
Anna Siedzik, Secretary
Julia Campbell

Also Present:

Mary Beth Banios, Superintendent
Vincent Leone, Assistant Superintendent to Finance and Administration
Thomas Geary, Director of Maintenance, Facilities, and Operations
Craig Genualdo, Athletic Director

1. Call to Order

7:00 PM

With a quorum present, Ms. Horgan calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. This meeting is being held remotely per emergency order of the Governor.

Roll call attendance is taken, with the entire subcommittee present. Also joining the meeting are Mary Beth Banios, Thomas Geary, Vincent Leone, and Craig Genualdo.

2. Approve Minutes:

- December 15, 2020
- January 11, 2021
- January 25, 2021

[Exhibit](#)
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I MOVE THAT WE APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 12/15/2020, 01/11/2021, AND 01/25/2021 AS WRITTEN IN THE EXHIBITS ABOVE.

MOTION by Anna Siedzik; SECONDED by Julia Campbell.

Anna Siedzik YES;
Julia Campbell YES;
Michelle Horgan YES.

MOTION PASSES unanimously through roll call vote of three (3) members present.

3. Review updates to FY22 Tentative Budget

[Exhibit](#)

Mr. Leone reviews the updates to the FY22 tentative budget, which reflects a reduction of approximately \$141,000 from the last presented budget. He reviews the six (6) DESE categories areas where these decreases are reflected, including instructional materials, instructional leadership, other teaching services, professional development, pupil services, and teachers (all detailed in the [exhibit](#)).

There is discussion regarding the curriculum coordinator position; FTE changes/corrections; TA/teacher salary costs; contracted services; central office expenses; continuation of remote learning model throughout the 21-22 school year; 6th grade language; trauma informed staff and opportunities for professional development; E&D funding and usage; anticipated/assumed federal funding; grade level considerations/associated costs; literacy and special education focus; etc.

Next steps in the Budget process include 03/03/21 presentation to the school committee; communication and collaboration with towns; and the school committee's 03/10/2021 vote on the budget. Discussion regarding the process of revising and eventual approval of the budget.

4. Discuss Feasibility of Restructuring High School Athletic Fee Family Cap [Exhibit](#)
(originally item #5)

Mr. Genuardo appears to discuss the details of the family fee cap, as detailed in the [exhibit](#). There is discussion regarding the family cap program as well as the scholarships the district offers to families. This topic will be brought back to the next subcommittee meeting, with the goal of reaching agreement and making a recommendation to the full School Committee by June.

Let the record reflect that Ms. Campbell does not hate sports, and she supports what is best for the district and sports players (i.e. athletes).

5. Update on State and Federal COVID Relief Money
(originally item #4)

Mr. Leone provides an overview of state and federal grant funds, noting that approximately \$877,000 has been awarded specifically for COVID relief, and an additional \$745,000 (approximately) has been received from other grant funds. There is a discussion surrounding the details of the grant awards; stipulations; anticipated additional funding; etc.

6. Other items not reasonably anticipated by Chair
None.

7. Set date for future meeting

The *Capital Planning/ Finance Subcommittee* will meet on 03/11/2021 to review FY22 budget (depending on 03/03/2021 School Committee actions).

A future meeting will be scheduled on 04/05/2021 to formalize the working group for the Gale Study, any additional agenda items should be emailed to Ms. Horgan.

8. Vote to Adjourn

I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN THE 02/22/2021 CAPITAL PLANNING/ FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING AT 8:53 PM.

MOTION by Anna Siedzik; SECONDED by Julia Campbell.

Anna Siedzik	YES;
Julia Campbell	YES;
Michelle Horgan	YES.

MOTION PASSES unanimously through roll call vote of three (3) members present.

Respectfully submitted March 7, 2021 by Mahala Lettvin, Recording Secretary.

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