



Cohasset School Committee Meeting

School Committee Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2017
Cohasset Middle-High School
Community Use Room
143 Pond Street
Cohasset, MA

In Attendance: Jeanne Astino, Chairman
Katie Dugan
Ellen Maher
Barbara Stefan
Amanda Zani

Also in Attendance: Louise Demas, Superintendent
John Tuffy, Interim Business Manager
Sue Skeiber, Interim Assistant Superintendent

Call to Order and Roll Call-Chairman Astino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **Roll Call Vote; Katie Dugan-Present, Jeanne Astino-Present, Ellen Maher-Present, Amanda Zani-Present.**

Public Hearing-FY18 School Budget- Superintendent Demas presented the Executive Summary for the FY 18 Cohasset Public Schools operating budget. The budget is within the Town Manager's allocation. John Tuffy discussed some of the details in the proposed budget including contractual salary obligations, essential staffing and special education. Mrs. Demas discussed the deferred requests and digital learning. Mrs. Dugan spoke briefly on the net budget, revolving accounts and grants. Chairman Astino stated the Committee will not vote on the budget tonight. They will put the vote on the budget on the 3/22/17 agenda.

Paul Schubert-155 Sohler Street stated the State budget has not been finalized. Local aid is currently up by 2% and income tax is quite high indicating the economy is doing well. There should be adequate funding to get a higher per pupil rate. He will also continue to work on money for the School Resource Officer.

Motion by Mrs. Maher to close the public hearing, seconded by Mrs. Zani and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

The public hearing ended at 7:08 p.m.