

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 22, 2016 Meeting

Sub-Committee Members Present: Mr. Bahou, Mr. Boutin, Mr. Espinola

Others Present: Superintendent-Director Roger Bourgeois, School Business Administrator Billie Jo Turner, Mr. O'Hare, Recording Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m.

Sub-Committee roll call: Present – Mr. Bahou, Mr. Boutin, Mr. Espinola

Superintendent Bourgeois updated the subcommittee on the current status of the Draft FY17 Preliminary Budget based on the House 2 Budget recently proposed by the Governor. He informed the committee that operating budget fixed costs increased by \$1,219,350 with foundation budget revenues increasing by only \$510,852 leaving a \$708,498 budget gap to fill.

The fixed cost increase breakdown is as follows:

887,883	Salaries
264,383	Health Insurance
67,084	Middlesex Retirement

The Foundation Budget revenue increase breakdown is as follows:

477,112	City/Town Assessments (Chapter 70 formula)
43,740	Chapter 70 State Aid (\$20/student)

In addition, daily transportation is projected to increase by \$316,420 and debt service by \$15,200.

The superintendent indicated that the Draft FY17 Preliminary Budget is a work in progress and that he is working with the Business Manager to identify cost saving strategies to balance the budget such as the elimination of several positions primarily through attrition.

After a brief discussion regarding the OPEB assessment, it was agreed that the OPEB assessment would be put on hold for FY17.

The next Finance Sub-Committee meeting will be held on March 16, 2016 @ 4:30.

A special school committee meeting and public hearing on the budget will take place on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Espinola to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3 Yes