

Town of Norfolk

Advisory Board Meeting Notes

April 4, 2018

In Attendance: Steve M., Jim T., Johathon H., Arlie S., Brian B., Peg D., Joyce T.

The Norfolk Elementary School Budget was to be discussed first.

We had Ingrid Allardi, Norfolk Superintendent, Jeff Curry and Paul Cochran in attendance to go over their Power Point presentation and answer questions.

Ingrid began with their Vision and Mission, Strategic Plan (4 goals) Budget History and Mandates.

The Overview continued thru each slide w/ brief summaries of each point

Questions:

Jim T – Contracts? Going into 2nd year

Peg D – Certified ELL? English Language Learners

We continued thru Budget Increase breakdown, Class sizes and Enrollment studies encompassing the future 40B potential.

Steve M – Status of foreign language studies in nearby Towns?

Arlie S – Steps taken to avert violent issues within our schools?

Steve M – Out of District / Special Education – tuition students?

Jonathon H – This year's original requested budget vs last year's budget. How did it change? How are items determined to "make it" or "be cut"?

Brian B – With increase in population – biggest issue? SPACE !

Jim T – What was the cause of the peak of students in the 90's ?

Steve M – In regards to potential school expansion – how long? Best place fundamentally? FK & State will not fund expansion building projects

Arlie S – Transportation charges? HOLMES only bidder – seeing 4% increase in 3 year bid

Power Point presentation concluded. No other questions and we indicated our appreciation for the details.

King Philip Regional District budget discussion was next on the agenda.

We had Liz Zielinski, KP Superintendent, Larry Azer, Business and Operations Mgr., Mike Gee and Ken Dowd, School Committee members.

Arlie S – How is Budget certified? SCHOOL COMMITTEE revotes after all TM's are over.

Larry A - Opened the KP budget presentation in a similar fashion as the previous budget discussion. Slides and explanation and overview of each point.

Arlie S – Are there any other forms of “measure” other than MCAS? Summary descriptions of tests used in Acedamia for measured aptitude testing.

Larry A – Overview of Goals and Revenue

Jim T – Circuit Breaker reimbursement – lags behind by a year? YES

Larry A – Continued with E & D slides, Revolving Funds & Unbudgeted Wants (requests)

Arlie S – Other budget wants? BIG ISSUE – HVAC @ HS need a Facilities Manager

Jim T – Has there ever been a Facilities Mgr in the KP district? NO

Steve M – Telephone System? Safety concerns?

Jonathon H – Revisit Athletic Fees (revenue & expense) (revolving funds) (operating funds)

Steve M – How do the fee's that we have instituted compare to other towns'?

DISCUSSION around the table – Virtual Schools, School Choice, Charter, Special Education tuition and offerings associated with.

DISCUSSION around the table – Technology budget (level service/level funded), Insurance, Transportation, Facilities, Debt Service & Budget Scenario's.

Jonathon H & Brian B & Mike G.– understanding and explanation of E & D – factors that contribute to this fund? Reasons and uses for this fund, capital or emergency uses/needs?

Arlie S – Changes in Norfolk's Assessment / Contribution? Where did the Turf funding come from, split between towns? Fee's? Proportionate percentages?

Larry A – to send over information re: change in required local contributions and how enrollment affects the budget. Was it state directed?

KP Budget overview was concluded, we expressed our appreciation.

Arlie S – Motion to Adjourn

Peg D – Seconded

Advisory Board meeting concluded

Minutes submitted by:

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* approved @ 2/12/2020 meeting