

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the RTM Education Committee
Monday, April 23, 2018

Place:

Darien Town Hall, Room 206

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Lucy Fiore, Janet Grogan, Jay Hardison, Patrick Keane, Young-Sup Lee, Carolina McGoey, Ann Reed, Peter Riordan, Clara Sartori, Sandra Savage, Bill Smith, Barbara Thorne, Theresa Vogt. Edward Washecka

Members Absent: none

Members of the Public: Jack Davis, David Martin, Tammy Sload, Stacey Tie, Iris Mix, Michael Heitz (from F&B) and Marc Thorne (from Board of Selectmen)

Call to Order:

Ann Reed called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:03 p.m.

Motion to Approve Minutes from the Meeting on 4/2/18:

- Clara Sartori made a motion to approve the minutes;
- Young- Sup Lee seconded the motion;
- The minutes were unanimously approved with Janet Grogan abstaining.

Ann Reed asked for a Motion to Switch the Order of the Agenda with The Capital Budget being discussed first. Sandra Savage made the motion, Peter Riordan seconded it, and the motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA

Discussion and Vote on the 2018-2019 Education Capital Budget:

Members discussed the Board of Finance approved Education Capital Budget in which the BOF removed the redundant cost of the sump pump at Royle School and decided to bond the Turf Field at the DHS Varsity Baseball field as well as the roof and skylight at Holmes School.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$1,275,930 EDUCATION CAPITAL BUDGET (WHICH EXCLUDES THE 3 BONDED PROJECTS):

- Sandra Savage made a motion to approve the Education Capital Budget;
- Peter Riordan seconded the motion;
- The motion was approved 13-1 with Lucy Fiore opposed.

Discussion and Vote on the 2018-2019 Education Operating Budget:

Before our discussion, Clara Sartori made note of an email she received from a constituent regarding the Out of District cost per student. Members agreed that she should tell her

constituent that the cost per student could be calculated using the total out of district cost divided by 37.

Discussion of the Board of Finance Approved Education Operating budget centered on the inclusion of the Assistant Athletic Director position with members arguing for and against the position.

Jay Hardison made a Motion to remove \$18,000 from the operating budget as a way to make a statement against the inclusion of the AAD position. Young Sup-Lee seconded the motion; the motion failed with 3 members for the cut (Jay Hardison, Young-Sup Lee and Patrick Keane) and the remaining 11 members opposed.

All members agreed that chairperson Ann Reed will make note of the committees discussions regarding the AAD position in her speech at the RTM meeting on May 14.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$98,122,266 EDUCATION OPERATING BUDGET:

- Theresa Vogt made a motion to approve the Education Operating Budget;
- Carolina McGoeY seconded the motion;
- The motion was approved 13-1 with Jay Hardison opposed.

Other Business:

- Clara Sartori would like to make sure that our committee is made aware of when the Board of Education holds their Athletic Program discussion;
- Update and discussion on the status of the DHS cafeteria project;
- Reminder for members to attend the public hearing on 4/24 at 7:00 p.m. regarding Ox Ridge School.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Peter Riordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting;
- Clara Sartori seconded the motion to adjourn;
- The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Vogt
RTM Education Clerk