



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
for the purpose of Budget Development
Minutes
Thursday, February 27, 2020
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Chair	Lee Wolanin	Member, Barre
Vice-Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	Dr. Richard Allan	Member, Barre
	Deb Chamberlain	Member, Hubbardston – arrived 6:10
	Dave Deschamps	Member, Barre
	Ned Kelly	Member, Hardwick
	Walter Nutter	Member, Oakham
	Marcelino Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree – arrived 7:02
	Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston

Absent: Geoffrey Spier, David Marsh, David Correia, Fred Jean-Francois

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sheila Muir	Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Duval	Director of Administrative Services
District Administrators/Staff	Gregory Devine; Jill Peterson; Colleen Mucha; Adam Couturier; Kristin Campione; Shelly St. George; Janet Hicks;
Press:	Ellie Downer, Barre Gazette;
Town Officials/Residents:	Clare Hendra, Oakham FinCom; Susan Rayne, Hubbardston FinCom

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Nutter and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the budget subcommittee minutes of January 28, 2020. Only members of the Budget Subcommittee who were present at that meeting voted on acceptance of the minutes. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.

3. FY21 Budget Development – Administration has been working to find areas in the budget for reductions that will have the least negative impact on the education of our students. Towns have questioned why we have come in with a 5% increase in the budget when we are aware that towns cannot afford that increase. It was explained that our initial budget is a needs budget which reflects the major necessities of each building. However, that budget does not reflect all of the needs. The District's needs and revenue continue to evolve over the course of the spring.

Since the last Budget Subcommittee meeting, administration has decreased the budget by \$658,641 which reflects a 3.4% increase vs. a 5.3% increase.

Motion made by Mr. Nutter and seconded by Mrs. Chamberlain to recommend to full Committee an FY21 budget figure of \$36,230,026 which reflects a 3.4% increase.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Muir reported that the District has received a Skills Capital Grant in the amount of \$225,000 to support our Innovation Pathways Program. This funding is usually reserved for vocational schools. The District has also received a Perkins grant for \$18,000.

The next meeting will be held on March 12th of the full Committee. A vote on the budget figure will have to be taken immediately prior to the Public Budget Hearing in order to have a number to bring to the hearing.

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Wolanin to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Bennett
School Committee Secretary