



TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Finance Committee

Lawrence Memorial Hall

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Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007



Lynne Raymer, Chairman
Steven Rose, Vice-Chairman
Ronald Aponte, Clerk
Melissa Hurst
Laurie Shea

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Chestnut Hill Community School
Present: Ron Aponte, Melissa Hurst, Lynne Raymer, Steven Rose, Laurie Shea
Guest(s): Gary Brougham, Jill Panto, Brenda Aldrich, Gail Grammarosa, Karol Coffin, Joe Scanlon, Brian Cameron, Mike Knapp, Heide Gutekenst, Ruby Bansal, Diane Brown, Josh Wallace

- Meeting called to order at 6:35pm.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

- Ms. Hurst presented minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting. Ms. Shea moved for their acceptance and Mr. Rose seconded. Minutes were approved 4-0-0 (Mr. Aponte not yet present).

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget – School Department

- Discussion of proposed School Department budget and inflationary increases. Increases in the budget include two nursing positions, one due to lost funding and another required as 1:1 with a student.
- Mr. Scanlon explained the reallocation of expenses among funding sources and that building staff salaries have been moved to School Choice funding lines. Network software moved from School Choice line funding to the general fund and hardware from General to Choice, including the salaries of the technology staff. Discretionary maintenance is included in Choice funds.
- NEASC costs are included in miscellaneous expenses.
- New transportation contract will be in place after next year.
- School Department requests include new positions, four of which are related to Special Education.
- Ms. Coffin to forward a copy of the School Department's updated capital budget.

- School Committee expects their public meeting regarding the budget to take place on April 9, 2019.

Old Business

- Discussion of projected deficit in overall budget, the snow budget shortfall in FY19, the impact of stormwater on the FY20 budget.

Other

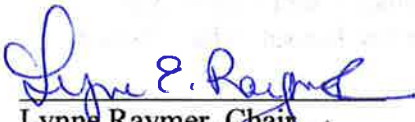
- Next meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 6:30pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Hurst

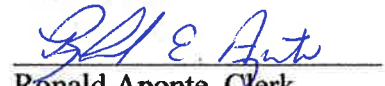
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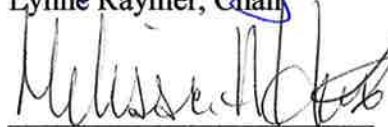
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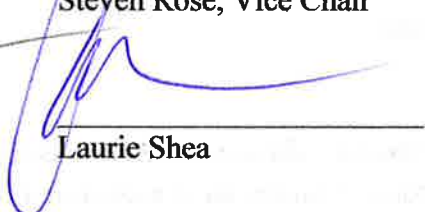
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