

School Committee Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room
Friday, January 22, 2010
1:30 p.m.

Members attending: Keith Cheveralls, Virginia Justicz, Stu Sklar, Patty Wenger, Piali De, Maureen Babcock, and Thomas Jefferson

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

Chair, Keith Cherveralls recapped the budget process to date with the request that a vote be made on the FY2011 omnibus budget by the end of the day. Keith Cheveralls also updated the committee on information from a January 16, 2010 Tri-Board meeting for which Bob Thurston indicated that there was no need to replicate the budget book with a 5% reduction, but they wanted an impact statement.

Superintendent Jefferson spoke to minor changes in the budget book and distributed revised budget book pages.

The Committee discussed their commitment to the School Council's proposal to have user fees partially funded by the town through either an override or repetitive warrant articles. The School Committee discussed their commitment to this mission and indicated that they will send a request to the Finance Committee for an additional \$135,000 to offset athletic user fees. The Committee agreed to allocate an amount from the school budget as well.

Piali De made a motion and Stu Sklar seconded that the School Committee request from the Finance Committee an additional amount of \$135,000 for its omnibus budget to be used exclusively to pay the stipend portion of the athletic user fees.

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion. (Stu Sklar (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Patty Wenger (Yes), Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Piali De (Yes).

After discussion on approval of the FY2011 school budget:

Virginia Justicz made a motion and Stu Sklar seconded to approve the FY2011 omnibus budget of \$10,903,790 which includes offsets of \$1,644,206 to be reviewed by the Finance Committee with further changes to be made as discussed before town meeting.

Amendment to Motion

Piali De made an amendment to the motion and Patty Wenger seconded to present the budget book to the Finance Committee as our detailed budget report and as a

possible plan of expenditure for the FY2011 omnibus budget of \$10,903,790. And to add the 5% reduction impact statement to the budget book .

VOTED (4/1) to accept the amended motion. (Stu Sklar (Nay), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Patty Wenger (Yes), Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Piali De (Yes).

Piali De made a motion and Stu Sklar seconded to adjourn.
VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion. (Stu Sklar (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Patty Wenger (Yes), Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Piali De (Yes).

Minutes submitted,

Mary Zadroga
Recording Secretary