

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING WITH BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE  
M I N U T E S (approved 10/22/15)**

Date: May 5, 2015

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center  
Weymouth High School

Present: Mrs. Sheehan, Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Nardone, Ms. Belmarsh

Also present: Superintendent Salim, Assistant Superintendents Curtis-Whipple and Kustka and  
Business Manager David Proule.

Absent: Chairman Guilfoyle and Mayor Kay

**Call to Order**

At 5:40 pm Vice Chair Sheehan called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Discussion Items**

**FY16 BUDGET**

Mrs. Sheehan turned the meeting over to Ms. Belmarsh, chair of the Budget Sub-Committee. Ms. Belmarsh discussed the format of the meeting and asks Dr. Salim to review the budget to date. Dr. Salim reviewed the powerpoint slide in detail.

Dr. Salim invites Bill McKinney, CFO Town of Weymouth to the table to discuss the town funding of the schools. Mr. McKinney reviews how free cash will be used to accommodate the gap in the level service school budget and where it will be coming from.

Ms. Belmarsh asked for questions from the Committee.

Mrs. Curran attended town council and asked for clarification around Southfield tax payments. Mr. McKinney describes in detail.

Dr. Salim continued with the powerpoint presentation. Reviewed the FY16 budget gap summary and how to fill the gap. Reviewed in detail.

Ms. Belmarsh made a few comments regarding extraordinary maintenance. Asked for clarification around utilities, boiler replacement and capital projects savings. Dr. Salim addressed.

Ms. Belmarsh opened the meeting up to Committee for comment.

Mrs. Sheehan asks Ms. Belmarsh about the letter written to the mayor regarding the Town and School IT Departments helping regarding helping with IT support. Ms. Belmarsh addressed.

Mrs. Nardone urges administration to keep looking closely at the budget to keep staff intact and class sizes down. Mrs. Nardone ask about enrollment at the schools and if there is any one school lower than another. Mrs. Kustka discusses enrollment and how it varies in each school.

Mrs. Nardone asked why athletics put into this? Dr. Salim addressed. Mrs. Kustka clarified as well.

Mrs. Curran asked what the substitute line for FY16 is. David Proule addressed. Mrs. Curran speaks to her concern about the substitute line and the concern each year. Mrs. Curran asked for clarification around the free cash and what it will cover. Dr. Salim addressed.

Ms. Belmarsh opened the meeting to Public comment.

Mr. Gus Perez came to the table. Thanked Mayor Kay for making the effort to increase the free cash. Mr. Perez commented on the override, asked if positions will be filled. Dr. Salim stated they will. Mr. Perez discussed the gap in net school spending and deficit to level service.

Mr. Perez asked Dr. Salim to clarify that there will be no layoffs and no reductions in staff. Dr. Salim stated staff may be shifted around but not laid off. Dr. Salim describes level service from standpoint of the classroom and staff. Mr. Perez summarizes his discussion.

Mrs. Sheehan asks for clarification of staff shifting and how the positions are not considered layoffs or increasing class size. Dr. Salim describes.

Mrs. Nardone points out we are still negotiating with Unit A so we are still in the hole with the budget. Ms. Flemer added there are a number of unions still in negotiations.

Mr. Peter Farrell came to the table. Reviewed that the free cash is contingent upon override failure. Urges the committee to do a spreadsheet that shows line by line where the money will go. Would like the Committee to lead the charge with the itemized line by line needs list for the 3 million override funds.

Ms. Belmarsh responded that we do actually have that available. The needs list is very specific. Ms. Belmarsh describes where to locate the budget documents link.

Mrs. Pam Oliver missed the last school committee meeting. Wants to make sure that that we are not using subs to cut budget. Ms. Belmarsh addressed. Mrs. Oliver discussed her concerns about the superintendent's raise.

Ms. Belmarsh asked that we focus on the FY16 Budget.

Michael Smart, Town Councilor came to the table and provided an update from the Budget Management Committee. We have asked the departments to bring needs list. Police, Fire and Schools would be presenting in that order. There is no date for the school presentation. Will update once that is decided.

Mrs. Nardone asked for clarification on how the override gets on the ballot. Mr. Smart discussed the process and answered questions.

Mrs. Andrea Honore came to the table. Provided a tutorial on how to find the needs list. Asked if the override passes, we would not get the money until 2017. Mr. McKinney came to the table and discussed.

Chris Primiano looked at the needs list on the site. Reviewed the list. Recommends a line by line list of what positions will be filled. Needs to be visually attractive and organized for the public. Lists his suggestions for changes.

Mrs. Maryellen Devine asked about the unions that have not been ratified. Has money been put aside for this. Ms. Belmarsh addressed and described the process.

Carrie Palazzo came to the table to discuss the override. Asked if we have reached out to other successful towns for best practices to get this passed. Discussed social media and its roll in this.

Ms. Belmarsh thinks good idea to reach out to other towns and other departments in town and discusses ways to do that.

Ms. Belmarsh closes public comment.

Mrs. Sheehan asked what the next steps are. Ms. Belmarsh reviewed.

**Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee**

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on May 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

**Adjourn**

At 7:40 p.m., on motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Nardone, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diana R. Flemer – Secretary

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Documents Related to Meeting and Retained at School Administration Building

- Agenda
- Budget Presentation