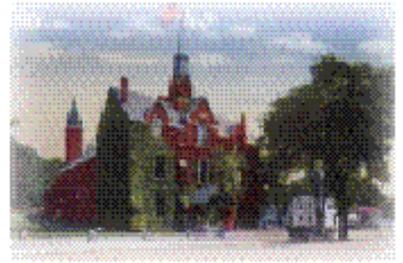


Town of Ayer

Finance Committee

Ayer Massachusetts, 01432



Location: Ayer Town Hall, 1st floor meeting room.
Finance Committee Minutes

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Present: Brian Muldoon; Chairman, Jesse Reich; Vice-Chairman, Glen LaPierre; Clerk, member Scott Houde and Andrew Crowley

Called to order at 7:05 pm by Brian Muldoon

1. Mail: Brian Muldoon distribute mail to members
2. Minutes:
 - a. Motion to approve minutes from meetings that took place on 1/13, 1/27, 2/3 by Scott Houde seconded by Glen LaPierre, all in favor, unanimous.
3. Budget: Acting Superintendent George Frost:
 - a. 20% of the school's revenue comes from external revenue sources.
 - b. There is an up-tick for IEP's (SPED)
 - c. Shirley's tuition increase of 4, note 18 communities have a tuition agreement.
 - i. Jesse would like an analysis done to see where we stand; George Frost believes it is reasonable. If we don't regionalize Shirley tuition will need to be increased due to capital improvements that need to be done at the High-Middle School.
 - d. Salary increases include a cut librarian and restored FY 10 cut of 120k, there will be some savings for retirees that will occur the end of FY 10.
 - i. Jesse Reich asked if business revenue worth it and if yes can it be increased.
 - e. Steps and benefits: There are two steps; the first is in the 21st year and the other in the 26th year.
 - f. There are no promotions.
 - g. Salaries are competitive with Central Ma., but lower than those within the 495 belt.
 - h. There are several grants that are in place however Jesse Reich would like to see if teachers could possible search for more.
 - i. Regionalization discussed and makes sense financially.
4. New Business:
 - a. Jesse Reich made a motion that the Fincom support regionalization, seconded by Glen LaPierre, all in favor, unanimous.
 - b. Next Tri-Board meeting not updated
 - c. Policy group to meet Friday 2/19/10.

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- d. Fincom regional meeting update Harvard and Groton on board for a meeting
- e. Pauline Conley would like the members at the Tri-Board have handouts for audience at all meetings

9:03pm: Motion to adjourn FinCom by Scott Houde, second by Andrew Crowley. All in favor, unanimous

Brian Muldoon, Chairman _____ Date _____

Jesse Reich, Vice Chairman _____ Date _____

Glen Lapierre, Clerk _____ Date _____

Scott Houde, Member _____ Date _____

Andrew Crowley, Member _____ Date _____