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Agenda*

Discuss and Vote :
- School Operating Budget
- Accommodated Budget
- Community Custodial Warrant Article
- Other Technical High School budget Line 301

Warrant Article Priority list
Discuss any outstanding items

*Agenda is subject to change
Ways and Means School Subcommittee Minutes
Thursday, April 30, 2020, 3:30pm.
All participants via video/phone conference due to COVID-19 pandemic

Present

Members: Diane Creedon, Susan Harrigan, John Iler, Robert Neufeld, Jayashree Voruganti
Administration: Nichole Coscia, Bob Cunha
School Committee: Martha Simon

Discussion

[Harrigan] Meeting called to order after quite a few audio issues.

Motion and second to approve the Burlington School FY21 operating budget of $55,473,938 (equals guideline of FY20 +3.75%). Vote 5-0-0 (approved).

Motion and second to approve the Burlington School FY21 accommodated account (Special Education) budget of $12,615,139 (equals FY20 +5.0%, which is below 6.36% guideline). Vote 5-0-0 (approved).

[Harrigan] Expressed ongoing concern with large Minuteman transportation costs. [Coscia] Speaking with Wilmington and Bedford to potentially coordinate transportation, but not yet finalized.

There was general agreement to approve the budget as is in order to have a budget in place with understanding that Coscia is continuing to work the issues.

Motion and second to approve the ‘other technical schools (Minuteman and Essex)’ FY21 budget of $217,424. Vote 5–0-0 (approved).

[Harrigan] Community custodial warrant raised.

Discussion about whether sub committee is voting on the total or the detailed breakdown among groups, since some groups may no longer be using time (e.g. Citations). General agreement that vote is on the total and that School Committee has discretion to move among the groups as long as it is generally consistent with the backup material.

Motion and second to approve the Community Custodial warrant article of $47,464.45. Vote 5-0-0 (approved).

[Iler] Asked for update on liability insurance budget item. [Coscia] After discussions with Town, determined this could not be combined with the Town policy.

[Creedon] Given the ongoing COVID-19 situation it is likely that warrant articles and possible reduction will be an ongoing discussion and that sub-committee should be ready to discuss priorities among them. Recommended having School Committee present priorities rather than sub-committee doing first.

[Iler] Timeline allows for School Committee to prioritize before final Ways&Means votes and Town Meeting:
Next Ways&Means meeting: May 6
Next School Committee meeting: May 12
Unscheduled but likely Ways&Means meeting: tbd
Town Meeting: June 10
[Creedon] Requested School Administration copy the sub-committee on resolution to parents’ concerns regarding payments, refunds, or credits for Early Childhood Center.

[Harrigan] Requested Coscia provide a summary discussion of Operating and Accomodated budgets and reductions from original proposal for full Ways & Means.

**Adjourned** 4:15pm

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