

Town of Alton
Budget Committee Meeting
Town Hall Meeting Room
December 10, 2015
Minutes
Approved January 6, 2016

I. Call to Order 6:30pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Andy McLeod, Chairman
Roger Nelson, Vice Chairman
Lou LaCourse, Selectmen's Representative
David Hershey, Member
Terence O'Rourke, Member
Steve Miller, School Board Representative
John Markland, Member, Excused Absence

Other Attendees
Kathy Oblenes, Business Manger, ACS

IV. Approval of Agenda

R. Nelson motioned to approve the Agenda as presented and was seconded by T. O'Rourke with all in favor.

V. Public Input I

None
Public Input I closed

V. New Business

A. Review of School Warrant Articles

S. Miller noted a point of order and stated the warrant articles were broken down by ACS and PMHS. He stated that the JMA has not reviewed the PMHS Warrant Articles to date and suggested that the Budget Committee only review the ACS Warrant Articles at this time.

A. McLeod asked if Committee members S. Miller, D. Hershey and R. Nelson would be available on December 14th for a JMA Budget Committee meeting.

S. Miller would like it noted that on the public calendar it shows tonight's meeting as being a public meeting.

The Committee reviewed, discussed and asked questions on the following proposed ACS Warrant Articles (copy attached):

Article II – School Board Salaries
Article III – Operating Budget

Article IV – Cost Items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement
Article V – Special Warrant Article (this is a non-money petition)
Article VI – Building and Grounds Special Warrant Article
Article VII – Boiler Capital Reserve Special Warrant Article
Article VIII – Security and Safety Expendable Trust Special Warrant Article
Article IX – Special Education Capital Reserve Fund Special Warrant Article

K. Oblenes provided the Committee with a response to a question D. Hershey's presented at a previous meeting regarding Workers Compensation premiums. Ms. Oblenes stated she contacted PRIMEX and asked if there was any way they could lower the rates or premiums and pay a higher deductible and PRIMEX responded that currently everyone shares the same rights and responsibilities within the pool and they do not offer a higher deductible for a lower contribution.

K. Oblenes continued that in regards to D. Hershey's question regarding the heating system boiler and machinery, PRIMEX stated that the boilers are audited by Traveler's and K. Oblenes was referred to speak to another representative. K. Oblenes is waiting for a response to obtain some additional information.

There was a discussion on what is charged to Dues and Fees, Conferences and Meetings and Stipends. K. Oblenes explained to the Committee the differences between these line items and what can be charged to them.

VII. Public Input II

None

Public Input II closed

VIII. Old Business

R. Nelson polled the Committee and asked who was up for re-election in March.

X. Adjourn

T. O'Rourke motioned to adjourn and was seconded by L. LaCourse with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Hawksley
Budget Committee Secretary
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