

Sub-Committee to the School Committee

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

In attendance: Suzanne Sutherland, Carol Jacobs, Cheryl Lachendro, Michael Hinchliffe

Call to Order: 10:25AM-11:25

Bus Contract- We got one offer from North Reading Transportation as expected.- They offered a 5% increase. There is a 9% increase for waiting time and a 12% increase for transport to field trips and sporting events.

This is to be a 3 year contract. We added language about both sides walking away from the contract if there is a catastrophe, pandemic, natural disaster or such where bus transport is not needed or able to be rendered.

We haven't heard from the town yet on money allocation for next year. This will need to be on the town meeting warrant in June.

Monies have been granted to the town to back fill revenue lost during COVID. Georgetown will be getting \$2.5 million which means we will not have to struggle with a deficit as was anticipated.

SR3 Grant- \$350K given to schools. We don't have guidance yet on how this can be used. We may need Covid custodians in the fall- not sure yet.

End of FY21 Budget- Unencumbered \$65K in Special Education, \$20K was unencumbered in transportation, \$25K back to the town, \$120K to pre-pay SPED for a total of about \$300K

- Purchased tractor \$43,6000 that wasn't covered with CARES money
- Hot Water Tank at PB \$30,000
- Ordered switches and more access points which are needed
- Computers for business office- Some current computers will not update any more
- Fire Proof f file cabinet
- Social Studies curriculum

Food Service- Free lunches will be offered all next year. We will need to move food services into the budget. \$35K to move- Sean's salary is in the budget this year and is currently charged to the *Food Services Budget* next year

Athletics- We are planning on being okay. If anything is left what do we do with it?

Next year more money will be needed possibly for professional development around ***Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.***

SR2- We were granted a \$155K- 2 year grant- It will be spent on a grade 4 teacher for Penn Brook. The money needs to be spent by the principal with some focus toward social/emotional learning.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Lachendro