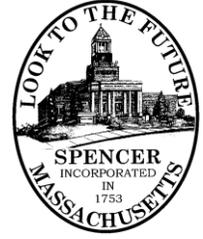


Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen



Date: February 19, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: McCourt Social Hall

Present: Vice Chair Berthiaume, Clerk Stevens, Members Fritze and Pepe.
Chair Woodbury and Administrator Gaudette were absent.

At 6:00 p.m. Vice Chair Berthiaume called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Berthiaume offered thoughts and prayers to the Woodbury family for the loss of ?

A fundraising benefit is being held at the Black & White over the weekend for Dan Martin who lost part of his leg in a snowmobile accident.

Discussion: Review Budget Calendar

The Board reviewed the calendar and noted there were no changes.

Discussion: FY2015 SEBRSD Budget Development

The Board will review the SEBRSD preliminary budget with the School Committee next week.

School Committee member Kevin Hayes was present and said he appreciates the way the Administrator and the Board handled the budget crisis last year and noted that the School Committee will take all feedback from both Spencer and E. Brookfield into consideration.

There was discussion on whether the \$645,237 budget number is over and above the FY14 number. Mr. Hayes explained this budget includes the first the round preliminary numbers from the Superintendent. The School Committee will hold meetings and review the budget line by line. High cost items up for discussions include technology needs and a new roof. Mr. Fritze questioned the \$75,000 cost to replace the roof. Mr. Stevens asked about grant requests for technology expenses. Mr. Hayes said they are pursuing grants and hope to be in a strong position to receive given the current situation with the State oversight.

Mr. Hayes said a budget will be submitted to Administrator Gaudette by March 17th.

There was discussion on the disadvantages of block scheduling. Mr. Hayes noted this is a benefit in the teacher's contract that allows more free time for teachers. The School Committee is aware and plans to work with them to get it changed.

Mr. Pepe wants to review retiree health insurance costs and each line item in the budget in detail. He asked for a complete salary listing for all teachers.

The Board thanked Mr. Hayes for his time. Further discussion will take place next week.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Referenced Materials:
FY2015 SEBRSD Preliminary Budget Development