

# **BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 22, 2008**

**Oliver Administration Building**

### **Present**

**Subcommittee: William O'Dell, Paul Brulé, David Dugan and William Estrella (6:08)**

**School Committee, Administration and Staff: Diana Campbell, Karen Lynch, Marjorie McBride, John Saviano (6:07), Edward Mara, Melinda Thies and Jane Correia**

**Bill O'Dell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.**

### **Public Comment**

**None**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION: Paul Brule motioned to approve the minutes to the December 17, 2007 meeting; Marjorie McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **Warrants**

**No concerns.**

## **Budget Development**

**Jane Correia reviewed her Revenue Projections for FY 2009. Since the last report, official enrollment numbers changed, resulting in a slight change in distribution between Bristol (63.67%) and Warren (36.33%) with Warren's assessment adjusted to 4.54% and Bristol's staying at 5%. Also, Intergovernmental revenue was adjusted down 1%. There have been differing reports about anticipated State funding ranging from level to minus 3%.**

**Jane reported Blue Cross claims have been as expected. RIDE is looking toward a State-wide health contract; this encourages GHGRI to grow. In order to duplicate this year's programming a budget of \$53,040,234 is needed—a 4.48% increase. However, cuts of \$1,203,969 are anticipated which will come from staffing and capital projects.**

**Bill O'Dell stated for the record that all discussions with regard to the budget, BWEA contract and health insurance will be for Executive Session with the full Committee.**

**Debt service for the year will total \$2,140,827.40.**

**MOTION:** Bill Estrella motioned to request 5% contribution from the towns and project a 2% reduction in State funding and ask administration to rework the projected budget. Paul Brule seconded for the sake of discussion. The Committee discussed several options: projecting State funding as level, -1%, and -2%, requesting less from towns, and requesting the actual amount needed to run the District.

**Bill Estrella withdrew his motion. Paul Brule withdrew his second.**

**MOTION:** Bill Estrella motioned to prepare projections for level funding from the State and 5% from the towns. Paul Brule seconded. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

**Karen Lynch asked if the budget cuts would affect the plans for teacher training; Ed Mara said Article 31 funds are used for training and are not affected by the budget.**

### **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 6:00 PM at Oliver.**

### **Adjournment**

**At 7:07 PM Bill Estrella motioned to adjourn; David Dugan seconded;**

**the motion passed unanimously.**

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