

Public Hearing of the Town Council held Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in Town Council Chambers, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Arthur R. Hurley, Chairman of the Burrillville Budget Board and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Pallotta, School Business Manager Robin Kimatian, School Committee Chair Mark S. Brizard and School Committee Members Dorothy Cardon, John M. Karmozyn, Jr. Alexandra LeClair, Silvia St. Pierre and Raymond Trinque

Relative to discussing the School Department Budget

NOTE: The public hearing was duly advertised in the local section of the Woonsocket Call on May 12, May 13 and May 14, 2015

1. Comments from the Budget Board

Arthur R. Hurley, Chairman of the Burrillville Budget Board, commented on the procedure for recommending the School

Department Budget, the Board expectations related to revenues and the need for maintenance planning. Mr. Hurley's comments are on file with the record of the hearing.

2. Comments from Mark S. Brizard, Chair, Burrillville School Committee

School Committee Chairman Mark S. Brizard extended thanks to the Town Council and municipal officials and to Mr. Hurley and members of the Budget Board. Mr. Brizard commented on the School Department Budget request, noting that the budget increase requested is needed and reasonable.

3. Comments from Dr. Frank Pallotta, Superintendent of the Burrillville School Department

Dr. Frank Pallotta, Superintendent of Schools, made a presentation of the School Department's revised FY15 budget request. The School Department's proposal to fund the difference between their request and the Town Manager's budget recommendation was presented. A copy of the presentation is on file with the record of the meeting. The School Department budget was reviewed and discussed.

4. Comments from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, commented on the difference

between the School Department request and his budget recommendation. Mr. Wood discussed maintenance of effort, the four percent tax cap allowed by State law, summarized changes, the effect of using undesignated fund in an operating budget and the matter of sustaining annual budget increases. Mr. Wood indicated that the administration would prepare options for the Town Council to consider at their June 10, 2015 meeting.

5. Public Comment: Note - Persons who wish to address the Council shall state their names and addresses

Raymond Trinque, School Committee Member, commented on the School Committee's responsibilities in presenting a School Department budget. Mr. Trinque reviewed the School Committee's efforts in budgeting and in academics and reviewed the impact of stringent budgets in recent years.

6. VOTED to close the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

7. Town Council deliberation

Councilor Nancy F. Binns commended the School Department on meeting the challenges of difficult budgeting over several years.

8. VOTED to adjourn at 7:58 P.M.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

The hearing was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk