

Public Hearing of the Town Council held Thursday, May 26, 2016 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, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle D. Bouchard excused

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

Relative to discussing the School Department Budget

NOTE: The public hearing was duly advertised in the local section of the Woonsocket Call on May 7, May 9 and May 11, 2016

1. Comments from the Budget Board

Arthur R. Hurley, Chairman of the Burrillville Budget Board, commented on the School Department Budget. 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 commented on the success of the School Department and history of working within budgets. 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 the Burrillville School Department, commented on proposed repairs to the Field House at Eccleston Field. Dr. Pallotta commented on the development of the budget. Dr. Pallotta's presentation, a copy of which is on file with record of meeting, was reviewed. Teachers and staff were recognized.

4. Comments from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, reviewed his budget recommendation. Mr. Wood mentioned that the final state aid figures were pending and budget adjustments might be required. Mr. Wood reviewed the 4% cap and the proposed tax increase.

5. Public Comment:

Note: Persons who wish to address the Council shall state their names and addresses

Denis Anderson of Whipple Road discussed the tax rate calculation and spoke in support of technology improvements at the School Department.

6. VOTED to close the public hearing.

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

7. Town Council deliberation

The technology budget was discussed. The Town Council noted that budget discussion would continue to the next meeting and most likely until the State budget had been adopted.

8. VOTED to adjourn at 7:49 P.M.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly

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

The meeting was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk