

BURRILLVILLE BUDGET BOARD

Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Place:** Burrillville Town Hall, Town Council Chambers

**Meeting Date:** March 12, 2009

**Call to Order:** 6:30 PM

**Members Present:**

Arthur Hurley, Chairman; Mark Brizard, Vice-Chairman; Matt Trimble, Secretary; L. Kevin McDonald; David Ketcham; Daniel Joubert, Alternate Member

**Members Absent:**

David Dickey, Alternate Member, Excused

**Staff/Consultants Present:**

John Mainville, Ex-Officio, Finance Director

**Approval of Minutes:**

The question of accepting the minutes of the regular meeting of the Burrillville Budget Board held Thursday, February 26, 2009 and Thursday, March 5, 2009 and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes

**A motion was made by Kevin McDonald to approve the minutes of Thursday, February 26, 2009 as amended and seconded by David Ketcham. With no further discussion, the vote in favor was unanimous.**

**A motion was made by Kevin McDonald to approve the minutes of Thursday, March 5, 2009 as amended and seconded by David Ketcham. With no further discussion, the vote in favor was unanimous.**

**New Business:**

**GENERAL SERVICES**

- *The board is recommending the Board of Administration bid out the landscaping for the current year.*

**Board of Administration - \$167,130**

**A motion to reduce to \$166,130 was made by David Ketcham and seconded by Kevin McDonald. With no further discussion, the vote in favor was unanimous.**

**POLICE**

**Public Utilities - \$21,000**

**A motion to approve at \$21,000 was made by Kevin McDonald and seconded by Matt Trimble. With no further discussion, the vote in favor was unanimous.**

**GENERAL FUND – \$972,531**

**A motion to approve \$9,574,526 for the Operating Budget was made by Kevin McDonald and seconded by David Ketcham. With no further discussion, the vote in favor was unanimous.**

**GENERAL DEBT SERVICES – AS PROVIDED**

**A motion to approve General Government Bonds, School Bonds, Sewer Bonds, Refunding Bonds & Bond Registration Fees total debt as provided was made by Kevin McDonald and seconded by David Ketcham. With no further discussion, the vote in favor was unanimous.**

**OTHER FINANCING USES**

**School Operating Budget - \$27,974,101**

David Ketcham stated traditionally the school department has taken its share of the increase in the levy but does not know if the board should recommend giving it. The town is required to only provide maintenance of effort to the school department. David Ketcham stated that as the board has gone through

the budget they have been very careful to separate out those expenditures that are contractual required from those that are not. The school department last year gave a retroactive 1 ½ % raise to teachers and an additional 1 ½ % for this year that is not mandated by the contract. He does not see any reason why they cannot roll their salaries back. He would like to reduce the teacher salary line by \$316,000 (3%).

**A motion to reduce school budget by \$316,000 was made by David Ketcham and seconded by Kevin McDonald. With no further discussion, the vote in favor was unanimous.**

The other issue that David Ketcham would like to discuss was the Health Insurance Line. Last year it was indicated that the town was spending \$88,000 a year on health insurance for School Committee Members. Based on the school departments increases that works out to \$92,000 in this budget. He would like to reduce the budget by another \$92,000. Further research was done by Mr. Ketcham, according to the Town Charter section 11, states that compensation for the school committee is set by the Town Council and there is nothing stating that the council is required to provide insurance to the School Committee. He also stated that he would like someone on the school committee to explain why it is better educational for the town to spend \$88,000 on health insurance for them and \$21,000 on text books for the 2500 kids in the town. Daniel Joubert agrees with David Ketcham. He stated that the board started a process of eliminating certain benefits and would like to continue. Matt Trimble questioned how the board can justify this motion when members of the town council (who are also an elected body) receive the same benefit.

Mr. Ketcham is requesting the stipend amount for the Council and School Committee members before he makes his recommendation for the school budget. David Ketcham also would like to know where the operating loss for the rink is going to appear in the schools' budget. Mark Brizard requested for next week a full breakdown of the wages for the rink.

**BEC - \$435,000**

**A motion to approve BEC as proposed was made by Kevin McDonald and seconded by Matt Trimble. With no further discussion, the vote in favor was unanimous.**

**Spring Lake - \$117,500**

**A motion to approve Spring Lake as proposed was made by Kevin McDonald and seconded by David Ketcham. With no further discussion, the vote in favor was unanimous.**

**Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00 PM was made by Kevin McDonald and seconded by Matt Trimble. With no further discussion the vote in favor was unanimous.**

Minutes Approved by:

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Matt Trimble, Secretary

Date

Date filed with Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2009 – Operating and School Budget