

LITTLE COMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: January 20, 2015

Place: 28 Commons

School Commons Area,

Little Compton, RI 02837

Budget Workshop Minutes

Time: 5:00-7:00 PM OPEN SESSION (Held in Commons Area): The workshop was called to order at 5pm. In attendance was P. Bugara, T. Alder, P. McHugh, L. Craffey, P. Allen.

I. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

II. Workshop on 2015-2016 budget: J. McNamee presented a PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint indicated that enrollment will go down slightly. State Aid will be about the same as last year \$401,954. At this point the budget proposed is about 4% increase over last year. Expenditures are proposed to increase 3.7% over last year. Busing cost increase will be about 4%. We are currently part of an RFP for busing but will not have the results until sometime in April. Healthcare co-share will increase to 19% from 17%. Unemployment benefits should decrease since we are not anticipating any reduction in staff. The number of students anticipated to attend PHS next year is 121. In addition, we are anticipating a 2% increase.

Newport Regional Special Education will increase to \$580K. before aid. A discussion took place pertaining to the cost of oil and if we can lock in on a price. Mr. Arruda answered questions from P.McHugh pertaining to Science Kits and textbooks.

Mr. Middleton had questions pertaining to the state aid and asked if we already knew this number. Mr. McNamee explained that it is based on the State budget . A question was asked about the additional staff and where the positions will go. The Superintendent indicated that it has not been determined. Mr. Middleton asked questions about the increased custodial staff and if an analysis has been done to determine what was needed in the building. Mr. Middleton asked questions pertaining to the buses and the seats. The state requires a seat for all students regardless of if they ride the bus or not. Mr. Middleton asked questions pertaining to the increase in fringe benefits and when we would have definite numbers. Mr. McNamee said that the definite numbers would be known sometime in March. Mr. Middleton asked if PHS pulling out of the Newport Special Ed. has affected out bill and the Superintendent indicated that it did.

Mr. Osborne made a comment that the increase in the custodial to .4 will not be enough. Mr. Osborne asked if the assessment from Stetson is in writing. Mr. Osborne also indicated that the custodial staff will take vacation during the summer and that there will only be one custodian in the building.

Mr. McNamee went through the budget line items with the school committee. P. Allen asked questions pertaining to the various phone companies we have bills with. Mr. McNamee explained the use of all these vendors. P. Allen had questions about

XIII. Adjourn.

• Consider and Vote on Motion to Adjourn. On a motion made by P. Allen, seconded by T. Allder it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:25pm.

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