

LITTLE COMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND  
BUDGET WORKSOP

**Date:** February 23, 2016  
**Place:** 28 Commons  
Open Session in School Commons Area  
Little Compton, RI 02837

**MINUTES**

**Time: 5:00 p.m. Open Session (Held in School Commons Area)**

Tom Alder; School Committee Chair	Present
Lori Craffey; School Committee Co-Chair	Present
Patrick McHugh; School Committee Secretary	Present
Polly Allen; School Committee Member	Present
Peg Bugara; School Committee Member	Present
Robert Power; Interim Superintendent	Present
John McNamee; Business Manager	Present
Carolyn Sedgwick; Assistant to Superintendent	Present
Kevin McAllister; Attorney	Absent

<b>1.</b> Call to Order: Open Meeting	The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.
<b>2.</b> Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	The pledge was taken.
<b>3.</b> Statement by Chair as to purpose and procedure of workshop	<p>Chair asked for vote to reorder meeting Agenda so that the Budget Presentation (Item 5) be placed before Public Input (Item 4).</p> <p>On a motion by P. McHugh Seconded by P. Allen It was unanimously approved to hold Public Input after the Budget presentation, thereby re-ordering the Agenda Items 4 and 5.</p> <p>T. Alder: AFFIRMATIVE L. Craffey: AFFIRMATIVE P. McHugh: AFFIRMATIVE P. Allen: AFFIRMATIVE P. Bugara: AFFIRMATIVE</p>
<b>4.</b> Public Input on Agenda Items (Took place after Agenda Item 5, Presentation of 16-17 Budget, per vote in Item 3.)	<p>C. Curtis confirmed number of FTEs.</p> <p>J. Quinn commented on per pupil cost in proposed budget.</p> <p>C. Curtis would like to address three issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staffing</li> <li>2. Capital Campaign</li> <li>3. Surplus</li> </ol>

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	<p>P. McHugh addressed J. Quinn’s concerns about coaching stipends.</p> <p>J. Allen commented on quality of staffing.</p> <p>C. Valcourt asked committee to consider what households would save and shared opinion that students would benefit from keeping staff in place.</p> <p>L. Craffey pointed out that preschool students need to be factored into the per pupil cost.</p> <p>C. Curtis mentioned task force for Strategic Planning.</p> <p>D. Middleton inquired about educational benefit of reducing teaching staff and requested that Dr. Power and Mr. Arruda respond, which they did.</p> <p>L. Craffey explored possibility of having one teacher and one aid in a classroom and asked about educational impact.</p> <p>D. Middleton asked how quality of education and student preparedness will be impacted by having one teacher.</p> <p>J. Arruda pointed out that continuity is the key to maintaining strong education.</p> <p>P. Allen voiced that keeping current staff is the opinion of those who proposed the budget.</p>
<p>5. Presentation of 2016-2017 School Budget to School Committee</p>	<p>J. McNamee presented the 16-17 Budget.</p>
<p>6. Adjourn</p>	<p>On a motion by L. Craffey Seconded by P. McHugh The meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.</p> <p>T. Alder: AFFIRMATIVE L. Craffey: AFFIRMATIVE P. McHugh: AFFIRMATIVE P. Allen: AFFIRMATIVE P. Bugara: AFFIRMATIVE</p>

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