

A joint meeting of the Budget Committee and School Committee was held for the Town of Scituate on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 which took place in Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate, RI. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM. Town Council President Mahoney presiding.

After pledging allegiance to the flag of our country, Town Clerk Long called the roll. Roll call vote as follows:

Council President Mahoney – Present	Council Vice President Payette – Present
Councilman Amaral – Present	Councilman Izzi – Absent
Councilman Collins – Present	Town Clerk Long – Present
Michael Marcello – Present	Sharon Johnson – Present
Dean Huff – Present	Treasurer Przybyla – Present
Margaux Morrisseau – Absent	Colleen Pendergast – Present
June Guglielmi – Present	Brian LaPlant – Present
Carolyn Dias – Present	James Scacco - Absent

Larry Filippelli, Superintendent of Schools, presented the budget for Education. This proposed budget includes a 5% increase from last year. He explained the amount of money dedicated to contractual obligations. He said there are currently 42 students enrolled in career/tech programs in other districts that the Town has to pay for. Currently Ponagansett High School is charging \$18,190 per student. Last June the applications for students to attend Ponagansett spiked tremendously. The cost to start a career/tech program in Scituate would be about \$300,000. The plan is to get this program in place in September. Town Clerk Long asked if we offer the same program as Ponagansett, can we require the students to stay in Scituate. Superintendent Filippelli responded not at this time but they are looking to have that changed.

Councilman Collins asked if we do put a program in place, can we make the students come back to Scituate. Carolyn Dias said we can get this program up and running by September, we need to advertise the program to get students interested.

Superintendent Filippelli explained that the proposed budget with a 4.1% increase includes \$448,000 that has to be paid for students attending schools out of district, \$261,000 would be dedicated to implanting the new program, leaving a 1% increase to operate the entire district. Carolyn Dias discussed the need for the 4.1% increase. President Mahoney discussed the need for economic development in the Town to help raise the tax base in order to keep up with the rising costs for operating the Town and the schools. More discussion continued.

Members from the audience spoke in support of the career/tech programs. Thomas Angell, Thomas Angell Way, suggested making Providence Water more accountable with the amount they pay for taxes. More discussion continued. For complete discussion refer to recording.

Motion made to adjourn by Councilman Collins, seconded by Sharon Johnson and voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

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Gloria Taylor  
Deputy Town Clerk