

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD March 9, 2016

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The budget workshop was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at the Narragansett Town Hall, 25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, Rhode Island.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE: Ms. Tammy McNeiece, Chairperson; Ms. Diane Nobles, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Frank White, Clerk; and Mr. Guy deWardener. Absent: Mr. Keith Ranaldi.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Ms. Katherine Sipala, Superintendent and Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance and Administration; Mr. Roland Lambert, Director of Technology; and Mr. Steve Gormley, Director of Operations.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

FISCAL 2017 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:

Marketing: The Superintendent informed the Committee that the Advertising line has been increased from \$14,000 to \$25,000 based on the discussion at the March 2nd meeting.

Technology: Mr. Roland Lambert, Director of Technology, explained the current inventory as well as suggested expenditures for the 2016-17 school year.

Operations Budget: Mr. Steve Gormley, Director of Operations, presented the bus inventory to the Committee and explained plans for the purchase of new buses. He also reviewed the transportation and facilities and grounds budgets.

Capital Reserve Plan: Mr. Gormley reviewed Draft 3 of the Capital Plan with the Committee.

Fund Balance and Town Appropriation Request: Two scenarios were presented with regard to funding the school budget.

School Committee Discussion & Questions:

The School Committee and public who attended the meeting discussed strategies for funding the budget. The Committee supported scenario #1.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION to adjourn the meeting 8:33 PM.

deWardener/ White (4/0)

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk