

Town of Raymond
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Budget/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
with the
Raymond School Board

2007-2008 SCHOOL BUDGET
Monday, March 19, 2007

Budget/Finance Committee present: Rolf Olsen, Chairman; Jean Carter; Dennis Cole; Tucker Cole; Robert Gosselin; Sue Accardi; Ralph Bartholomew and Jerilyn Ward.

Budget/Finance Committee member absent: Frank McDermott

School Board present: Roger Ginn, Chairman; Wendy Trask; Deborah Adams; Theresa Sadak;

School Board absent: Lisa Friedlander

Staff present: Sandra Caldwell, Superintendent; Norma Richard, RES Principal; Randy Crockett, JSMS Principal; Dot Mowatt, Business Manager; and Pat Menzel, Director Special Education.

Others present: Charles Leavitt

1. Call to order. Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm at the Broadcast Studio saying that they would not be voting on the school budget tonight but would wait until their next meeting on April 2, 2007.

2. Minutes: February 22, 2007

MOTION: Sue Accardi motioned to approve the Minutes of February 22, 2007 as written.

Seconded by Robert Gosselin.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0

3. School Budget 2007-2008 Presentation.

Mrs. Caldwell, Superintendent, reviewed the budget noting areas of increases and decreases. The effect of the state's EPS guidelines had a direct bearing on the presentation of the written budget as well as the amounts allotted per cost center.

There was discussion regarding the tuition account and how the concept of a choice of schools might impact the budget in the future. Currently the costs are:

Town	contract up	# students	Cost '06-'07
Gray	7/1/08	35	\$6,542.00
Westbrook	7/1/08	40	\$7,618.00
Windham	7/1/13	150	\$6,976.00
Hebron	-	12	\$7,618.00
North Yarmouth Academy	-	8	\$7,618.00
Poland	-	28	\$7,618.00
Portland	-	1	\$7,618.00
Yarmouth High School	-	1	\$7,618.00
2007-2008 EPS cost			\$6,348.00

It was discussed that transportation might be reduced by coordinating the pick-up from several school districts. It was also noted that if pickup points could be clustered, leaving fewer stops for the buses, it might also reduce the budget. The estimate per pupil was \$929.

The discussion concerning special education focused on the expense of regular high school tuition and then an added cost per special education student. Currently there are 125 special education students in our K-8th grade, with 558 students total.

Mrs. Caldwell informed them that she didn't have the new EPS figures from the state. With her estimates the budget was \$300,000 over the EPS.

NEXT MEETING: April 2, 2007 at the Broadcast Studio at 7:00 pm for voting of the town and school budgets.

ADJOURNMENT: Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at about 9:30 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk