



Town of Wilmington

Finance Committee
121 Glen Road Wilmington, 01887

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 3, 2022

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Finance Committee Chairman John F. Doherty III called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members were, Vice-Chairman, Theresa M. Manganelli, Marianne Gallezzo, Secretary, Jonathan Dugas, Andrew Lavigne, Joseph Lavino, Scott Neville and David Tamang. Leigh Martinson was absent.

SHAWSHEEN VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT IN INTEREST: Melanie Hagman, Assistant Superintendent Director/Business Manager; Bradford L. Jackson, Ed.D, Superintendent-Director

FY 2023 Budget Meeting

Mr. Jackson starts with a slide show of the Shawsheen School Committee Approved budget. There is a brief overview of the Shawsheen Valley Regional School District. The town votes on the assessment for the regional agreements with the 5 towns in district for each town to pay their proportionate share. This FY the teachers union is in their 3rd year of the collective bargaining agreement. There is a 2.75% COLA. This COLA also applies to our non-union staff. Some of the items that we have increases in our FY2023 budget is our Health Insurance, Middlesex County Assessment, Vocational Supplies & Materials. We are introducing an improvement initiative in the Engineering/Electronics (robotics) shop. There is a new student interest in the shop and we are realigning personnel in this area to improve the student interest/curriculum. This will add \$68,059 to the budget. The total approved budget has gone up 3.5% and Wilmington's share of the apportionment of the Districts budget for FY2023 is \$6,319,831.

Ms. Hagman discusses the projected assessment FY2023 worksheet and how the school comes up with the assessment numbers and how the allocation is distributed. Ms. Gallezzo asks if there is a cap of students for each community? Yes, this is based on the number of students in each community. Mr. Tamang asks if they had the student increase in numbers over the last 5 years? Yes, they are: 2018: 241, 2019: 231, 2020: 250, 2021: 246, 2022 275 and 2023: 311. Shawsheen Tech has more applications than seats for the incoming classes. This is not just a Wilmington thing, it is district wide. Mr. Jackson gives a breakdown of the current freshmen class. Out of 481 applicants in district and 14 out of district the current class count is 340 9th graders. Wilmington has always traditionally been the 3rd largest community in district. This coming year 27% of applications are from Wilmington students. There is a brief discussion of equal access vocational admissions in Massachusetts and that Shawsheen Tech has aligned their admissions with the Massachusetts regulations in education and program overlaps; Discussing the benefits/appeal of attending Vocational/Technical High Schools.

Ms. Gallezzo asks what is the application deadline? The deadline is Feb 1st. Ms. Manganelli asks what is the retainage rate for Wilmington? I don't have that number exactly but the number is pretty high. Ms. Gallezzo asks, the aids you have on salary are they special ed or vocational? They are a mixture academic and vocational. Mr. Neville asks of the 109 applications in 2021 for Wilmington how many of those applicants get in? About 2/3 of the applicants. Mr. Doherty asks how many out of district seats are there? There are only available seats if we are under capacity. There is a brief discussion on cost per student in and out of WPS/Shawsheen Tech school district. Mr. Lavino asks about the Robotics shop and some of the FTE additions in the other shop clarification. Mr. Jackson says its mostly just movement from shop to shop. Mr. Neville asks about guidance director and if the position was eliminated and brought back. Mr. Jackson says that he did eliminate the position last year but the committee decided to bring it back.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair reminds the committee that the Special town meeting is on the 8th and would like to make sure the members of the committee are present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Finance Committee reviewed the Minutes from February 8, 2022. A motion was made by Ms. Gallezzo, seconded by Mr. Neville, and by the affirmative roll call vote of all it was:

VOTED: To approve the minutes from February 8, 2022.

The Finance Committee reviewed the Minutes from February 10, 2022. A motion was made by Ms. Manganelli, seconded by Mr. Neville, and by the affirmative roll call vote of all it was:

VOTED: To approve the minutes from February 10, 2022.

The Finance Committee reviewed the Minutes from February 15, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Dugas, seconded by Ms. Gallezzo, and by the affirmative roll call vote of all it was:

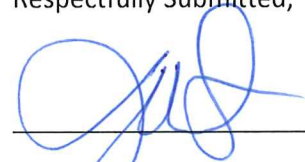
VOTED: To approve the minutes from February 15, 2022.

At the conclusion of the discussion, there being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Ms. Manganelli and seconded by Mr. Lavine, it was unanimously and by roll call:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Swanson
Recording Secretary