



Town of Wilmington

Finance Committee

121 Glen Road Wilmington, 01887

Meeting Minutes Tuesday March 05, 2019

Finance Committee Chairman, John F. Doherty III, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Room 9 of Town Hall. Members present were Theresa M. Manganelli, Vice Chairman; Neal Couture, Secretary; Marianne Gallezzo, Bernard P. Nally, Michelle Kincaid, Kevin Stokes, Leigh Martinson, and Hirak Shah.

FY 20 SHAWSHEEN VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET OVERVIEW

PRESENT IN INTEREST: Timothy Broadrick, Superintendent-Director; Melanie Hagman, Assistant Superintendent-Director of Finance

DOCUMENTS: Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget for the Shawsheen Valley Technical/Vocational School District

Mr. Broadrick took the Finance Committee on a tour of the school. He briefly reviewed the condition of the building. He is currently having a facilities assessment report done. When this report is completed he will have a better idea of what upgrades or repairs the building will need in the next few years.

He presented the performance and accountability of the school. The student attendance rates are in the top 5% in the state. They lead the state in Co-Op Placement. This is a program for Juniors and Seniors which allows them to go to a paying job every other week instead of their vocational shop. They have done well on their MCAS Assessments for the last several years. The States new ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) formula is a test result assessment. It looks at MCAS results and growth. The Shawsheen Valley Technical High School is listed in the 85th percent compared to other schools.

The capital and operating budget was presented. They operate with a five year plan. They are creating one now. This will begin next year. They had a discussion about some of the things that were accomplished in the last few years. The outdoor athletic fields are completed. The new security plan will be finished in the next few weeks. They have upgraded the technology in the building. The pool has been renovated. The score board has been updated. The pool now has a new score board, epoxy deck, LED lights, and a treatment system to remove chloramines from the water. That treatment system improved the air quality and prevents decay in the room. The pool holds swimming lessons for a fee and they rent the pool out. Those funds go into a revolving account. They used that account to pay for the renovations. They installed a new fire alarm system. They also renovated the teacher's cafeteria.

Mr. Broadrick reviewed the requests in the FY2020 budget. They requested a voice over IP phone system in the FY2020 budget. The generator has failed and needs to be replaced. The total Capital expenses for FY2020 is \$1,580,668.00. The grants, revolving and budget access account for \$339,450.00 of this amount. That left \$1,241,248.00 that remains to be assessed to the towns.

Mr. Broadrick briefly reviewed enrollment and the programs that the school offers. Over the last ten years the whole 5 town district is down in enrollment by almost 13%. The total number of students attending Shawsheen Valley Technical High School will not grow its enrollment much larger than it is but it is not anticipated to go down. The program changes

are driven by employment needs or trends in the area. For example they saw a need for workers in the health care industry so they expanded the nursing/dental hygiene program. They will continue to look to the communities needs when evaluating what programs are offered.

The operating budget is up 2.39% overall. They are planning on increasing the nursing and mental health over all. The department of public health recommends that we staff 2.6 full time nurses at a school with 1,300 students enrolled. In the past they have had one nurse with an LPN Aid. He would like to have two RN nurses and one LPN Aid. He would also like to add a certified school adjustment councilor. They currently have a social worker listed in the Deans FY2019 budget. They are removing that. They will then put those funds under the Guidance budget to put towards this councilor. He already allocated a private office for this purpose. This person would have a license to provide direct counseling services onsite. The transportation budget will increase as well. This will be used to maintain the vans that take the kids to offsite projects.

The governor gives regional transportation aide every year. They had predicted 60 percent transportation reimbursement for FY2019. They just found out that they will be receiving 76%. This leaves them with them with an additional \$200,000.00. They have reduced this budget by \$150,000.00 in FY 2020.

They intend to fund the OPEB liability by an increase of 5%. After this contribution the total balance is \$1,293,037.50. The total liability is \$30,000,000.00. Mr. Broadrick will send the committee a table that compiles the data for this account.

The total operating budget is \$30,578,836.00 which is a 2.5% increase. The assessment to the schools are based on town enrollment. Every member of the district has agreed to pay 10% of the capital assessment. After that is removed from the capital assessment the balance is charged to the district based on student enrollment. In FY2020 Wilmington's assessment is \$4,647,563.00. This is an increase of \$558,923.00 or a 13.7% increase.

Mr. Doherty asked Mr. Broadrick to explain why some of the salaries have increased. Most of the increases in salary are due to cost of living union contractual obligations. There are salary scale movements in addition to this. The teachers are given an increase, or stipend, when they meet required educational goals. The staff is fairly young and a majority of them have been completing this recently. They also had a change in the contract that included the vocational teachers in this benefit. In the past the Vocational teachers were excluded from this benefit. The Teachers Union contract changed this. It was agreed to exclude retroactive payments and phase this increase in two fiscal years. This is the second year of increases.

Mr. Martinson asked if they had college credited courses offered to the seniors. The school offers some courses that are college credited. He would like to expand this. Ms. Manganelli asked what new programs are being considered. Mr. Broadrick believes that engineering and IT are now becoming a part of the trades. He would like a pre engineering program that would run with the Cad Drafting program.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Doherty stated that he met with Jeff Hull, Town Manager; Kerrie Colburn-Deon, Assistant Town Manager; and Mike Morris, Town Accountant last week. Jeff has agreed to increase the firemen staff by eight. He would like to keep the police personnel request of four more patrolmen in the budget. They will discuss it at the next meeting on March 7, 2018. Mr.

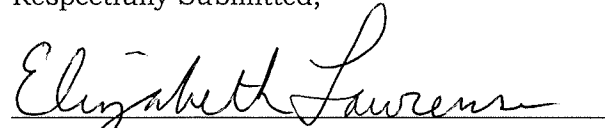
Doherty would like an additional meeting to work out the changes. They will have that meeting on March 14, 2019.

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

VOTED: That the Finance Committee adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Recording Secretary

