

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Barry called the meeting to order at 7:02PM in the Second Floor Conference Room. Present were Chairman John Barry, Linn Anderson, Andrew Betts, Paul Monticciolo, Spiro Christopoulos and Bonnie Zahorik. Also present were Patrick Lawlor Management Analyst, Superintendent Berman, Joel Blumstein, School Committee and Janet Nicosia, Plant and Facilities Director. Absent were Bojay Taylor, Eugenie Moffitt, Paul Russo and Donna Walsh. The meeting was taped and live cablecast.

Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2019

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Christopoulos, it was voted to approve above minutes as amended. Motion passed 5-0-1 with Mr. Barry abstaining.

Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2019

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Betts, it was voted to approve above minutes as amended. Motion passed 4-0-2 with Mr. Barry and Mr. Monticciolo abstaining.

FY2020 School Budget

Ms. Anderson opened the discussion by noting that the School Committee had voted 4-0-1 (Mr. Blumstein abstaining) to adopt an FY2020 school operating budget of \$85,854,808 and to add \$75,000 to the school operating budget for the purpose of further reducing tuitions for full-day kindergarten and that this vote is expressly conditioned on the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommending a school operating budget in the same amounts. Further, failing such recommendations from the Board of Selectmen and/or Finance Committee, the School Committees vote of February 28, 2019 on the operating budget shall remain in effect.

Discussion ensued with input from Dr. Berman and Mr. Blumstein with regard to full-day kindergarten operating costs, state aid in relation thereto, and the impact on expectations for future enrollments, as well as the \$250K additional appropriation proposed by the Town Manager and its uses in the general operating budget. Final vote will be taken at the School Committee meeting on March 21st, but if the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee are in agreement with the operating budget, no change in the School Committee number is expected.

AHS Feasibility Study

Mr. Johnson appeared before the committee to review the project and the Committee's plan to submit its second statement of interest to MSBA in April. The School Committee's warrant article request for \$210K to complete interim preparatory work at the site (see attached.) Discussion ensued.

Vote on Article 55 Andover High School Feasibility Study Committee

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Zahorik, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article in the amount of \$210,000. Motion passed 6-0.

Vote on Article 26 Electronic Voting

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Zahorik, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article. Motion passed 6-0.

Vote on Article 27 Rental of Electronic Voting System

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Zahorik, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of the above article in the amount of \$25,000. Motion passed 6-0.

Finance Committee Report Schedule

Ms. Anderson reviewed the attached schedule. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that more information would be sought from Mr. Materazzo on Article 41 as to the scope of the project and number of parking spaces.

Finance Committee Report and Letter

Ms. Anderson reviewed the attached list of topics and assignments were made to committee members.

Next Meetings

Wednesday, March 13 – Finance Committee

Monday, March 18 – Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 20 – Finance Committee

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Zahorik, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martin Barraford
Recording Secretary

Attachments:

AHS Feasibility Study Warrant Article

Finance Committee Report Schedule

Finance Committee List of Topics