

LANESBOROUGH FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2013

Members Present: W. Stevens, G. Wolf, C. Galib, M. Murphy, A. Terranova

Guests Present: Paul Sieloff, Town Administrator

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

Budget Discussion:

MGRHS budget: There was some discussion regarding the “Minimum Contribution” and “Additional Foundation Budget” numbers and the calculations used to obtain these figures. Greg Wolf asked if these calculations could be checked, and was advised by Chairman Stevens that the formulas could best be obtained through Mr. Donahue at MGRHS.

Paul Sieloff announced that he has received a Certified Assessment from MGRHS for FY-2014 in the amount of \$2,551,864. This is without the addition of \$29K, which was voted to add following the earlier budget presentation to the town.

McCann Budget: The budget fro McCann was reviewed for those not in attendance during their presentation. It was noted that the assessment of \$283,029 amounted to \$10,885 per student, significantly less than the \$16,800 tuition charged prior to joining the District.

For our purposes in the town budget, we need to add the Pittsfield students into the Vocational Education budget section. Paul Sieloff advised that he was budgeting \$30,000 for Out of District tuition, \$20,000 for Out of District transportation, and \$3,500 for SPED costs. They will all be broken out as separate line items in the budget.

Special Town Meeting:

Paul Sieloff advised that there is a special town meeting scheduled for May 7. There will be two articles for this meeting, one will be for transfers from Free Cash for the following: \$4,000 Landfill Monitoring; \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund (to replace the money transferred to build the handicap ramp); \$8,000 for Winter Roads and Sanding; and \$40,000 to finish paving the town parking lots; and secondly an article to change the method of property taxation from home valuation to land valuation as a result of a petition presented by Al Hartheimer.

Line Item Budget:

There was a question raised regarding the figures for the Town Administrator Salary, i.e. \$66,498 in 2013, \$70,000 Department Head Request; and \$71,400 for FY-14 budget. W. Stevens advised that he would discuss with Paul Sieloff and provide an answer to the committee members.

A second question was raised as to what the Assessor's Salaries represented, i.e. for the recommended amount of \$54,906, how many people does it include?

Lanesborough Elementary School Budget:

The committee meeting was moved to the Gae Elfenbien room of the Town Hall to hear the budget presentation by the LES. Dr. Rose Ellis presented the budget with a brief overview of the changes and some discussion of specific portions of the budget as presented. It was stressed that this budget has not been approved by the LES Committee, but was preliminary at this point.

The bottom line assessment to Lanesborough is projected to be \$2,521,069, which would be an increase from FY-13 of 1.8%. There is a public hearing on the budget scheduled for April 24 at the Elementary School Cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William V. Stevens, Chairman