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RTM EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (AMENDED II)

The regular monthly RTM Education Committee meeting, scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2017, was called by Chairman Frank Twohill at 7 p. m., for the meeting held at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library, Stony Creek

AGENDA

Roll Call of Representatives Present: Reps. Amore, Mollow, Prete, Twohill & Wells

Also present: RTM Moderator Flanigan & Reps. Black, Stepanek & Zanbrano, BOE Chair Krause, Schools Supt. Hernandez & Michele Krumenacker

Past Minutes Approval, April 3 & 17:

April 3rd Regular Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously, Motion of Reps. Amore & Prete.
April 17th Special Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously by Motion of Reps. Prete & Mollow

FY 2018 Final Budget Deliberations and voting:

School Age Child Care, \$670,363, all tuition, unanimous vote, Motion of Reps. Prete & Amore

Willoughby Wallace Library, \$230,217, unanimous vote, motion of Reps. Wells & Prete

James Blackstone Library, operating, requested increase of 2.8%, or \$36,903, to \$1,354,889. Motion of Reps. Prete & Wells, for increase to be 2% more, or \$26,359, for total operating to be \$1,344,345. Discussion of pros & cons, salaries compared to other towns & Branford, etc. Chmn. Twohill to ask at Library Board about Library employees getting into future, higher deductible health care plan. Passed 3 (Prete, Wells & Twohill) to 2 (Amore & Mollow.)

Blackstone capital accounts: After discussion, upon motion of Reps. Prete & Mollow, technology replacement, \$5,000, approved unanimously. Upon motion of Wells & Prete, delete Misc. Equipment Repair, of \$8,500 to 0, approved unanimously. More details in report called for in next year's Blackstone Library presentation.

Adult Education: \$60,000, all tuition, unanimous vote upon motion of Reps. Amore & Mollow.

Board of Education operating: before us as recommended by the BOF, \$55,291,497 + 507,889, Special Ed. Rep. Prete moved to accept the operating as recommended to us by the BOF. Rep. Wells seconded. Then, after discussion, Reps. Prete & Wells rescinded their motion. Next, Reps. Amore and Mollow moved to accept the amounts as recommended to us by the BOF. Rep. Prete moved, Rep. Wells seconded, to amend the motion by removing \$65,000 from the health insurance account. Chmn.

Twohill stated that the RTM cannot reduce BOE line items, Superintendent Hernandez stated that the health insurance was being funded for FY 18 at 101%, each 1% equals \$64,000 and the BOF did not want the BOE to go below 101% and the amendment was withdrawn. Operating passed unanimously.

Rep. Black stated that the possible teacher's pension liability was moved to the pensions page on the Town side and will be heard by the RTM Ways & Means Committee.

Board of Education capital & leasing: before us, as recommended by the BOF, \$488,120 After discussion, upon Motion of Reps. Prete & Wells, the total amount was reduced by some \$43,000, to \$445,120, taking \$13,000 from the 21st Century Technology request, leaving \$90,000 and taking \$30,000 from the Dugouts & Press Box request, leaving \$33,000, to be put in a sinking fund for balance request next year.

Adjournment at 8:20 p. m., upon motion of Rep. Wells & Prete.

Dated 5/8/2017

Respectfully submitted,



Frank B. Twohill
Chairman,
RTM Education Committee