

**Town of Sudbury ~ Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday - January 8, 2009
Lower Town Hall – 7:10pm**

Present: Chairman Chuck Woodard, Todj Gozdeck, Jaime Gossels, Bill Kneeland, Jim Rao, Marty Ragonas, and Sheila Stewart.

Absent: Bob Jacobson and Debbie Zurka

Opening Comments:

At 7:10pm chairman, Chuck Woodard and Town Manager, Maureen Valente recorded opening comments that will be televised before the beginning of each budget hearing. Chuck Woodard explained the role of the FinCom, the budget process, and the various components of the budgets. Maureen Valente provided an overview of the revenue projections for the remainder of FY09 and FY10.

Budget Hearing: Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School

The Minuteman budget hearing was opened at 7:40pm.

The superintendent of Minuteman HS, Dr. Edward Bouquillon, was introduced to the committee. Dr. Bouquillon explained that he has been serving as the superintendent of Minuteman HS for the last 18 months. He also detailed his previous job experiences. He asked the committee to feel free to invite him to any future meetings.

The budget being presented tonight is only a “proposed” budget. A public hearing is scheduled for January 20th, when a final vote is to be taken on the budget. The FinCom will be notified if any changes are to be made to the budget.

Dr. Bouquillon reviewed the formula that is used to determine each municipality’s assessment amount.

Robert Stein asked questions regarding the number of classes the teachers teach. It was reported that they teach 5 classes. Robert Stein also asked if bonuses are offered to retiring employees. It was explained that retirement bonuses are not usually offered. A one time bonus was offered this year, with the paraprofessional staff being offered \$3,000 and the professional staff being offered \$5,000.

The committee took a 2-minute break in order for the audience members to leave.

Approve Minutes:

The committee was asked to approve the minutes of the November 17 and December 15, 2008 meetings. Chuck Woodard had previously emailed his corrections for the Dec. 15th minutes.

Voted: To approve the minutes with the understanding the change suggested changes will be made. Motion made by Marty Ragonas and seconded by Bill Kneeland. On vote, motion carries 7 in support, 0 opposed, and 2 absent.

Other Business:

The committee discussed the impression of how they feel the cost centers are accepting the recommendations made by the Budget Review Task Force. It is expected the first meeting will take place in February, due to scheduling conflicts.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 8:30pm.