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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016
CENTRAL OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Call to order: 4:07 P M.

Present: Dawn Harris, Greg Vine, Danielle LaPointe, Janet Corbosiero, Larry Murphy
Steve Haddad-Superintendent
Marc Chapulis-Business Office, TMS

S. Haddad and M. Chapulis noted the district is working with less this year because the Indirect Costs went down. They agreed that Town Manager Hickey has been a wonderful ally. The budget is level service; no programs or teachers were cut. The district received \$100,000 less in grant revenue due to the 21st Century grant not received. Administrators are writing a new grant application.

The figures show more students are choosing to school choice-out than coming in; there was an \$86,000 drop in student tuition this year. The enrollment trend show the district is losing kids within its' school walls; all area districts are trending down and the town population is also not growing. S. Haddad stated this heightens the need to market our schools. There is no cap for school choice in.

S. Haddad reported that 2 secretarial positions were dropped to fund a Central Office Assistant. Additionally, 2 ½ para-professional positions had to be created this year to serve students needs. There was a deficit of approximately \$450,000 when the budget was first created.

S. Haddad will meet with representatives of Aesop on Wednesday to review the software system; the school committee is invited to attend. He explained the benefits of the system, noting it saves time and money. The Aesop system is in the budget; the allocated funds will be used for educational supplies if the software is not purchased.

J. Corbosiero asked for details about specific line items.

S. Haddad informed the committee that the spring sports FY16 was not sufficiently funded; athletic transportation was slashed last year. It will have to be pulled out of revolving accounts for the spring sports.

More substitutes are being paid for by grant this year; their use and cost being monitored. The Athletic Director will be entered as 60% teacher salary and 40% Athletic Director salary to show the 2 separate positions that are filled by one person.

L. Murphy stated the updated Munis needs to be in place by July 1 for new Business Manager. The Recording Secretary asked the committee to consider increasing the per meeting stipend, noting the rate has remained flat for many years.

Adjournment: 5:36 P.M. L. Murphy moved to adjourn. Second by G. Vine. Approved 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Barrie E. Martins, School Committee Recording Secretary