



The Town of Barnstable

Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC)

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CFAC Committee:

Chairman:

John Curtis, Chair

Members:

Bill Brower
Robert Ciolek
Laura Cronin
Stanley Hodkinson
Ralph Krau
Tom Michael
Jim Sproul

Staff Liaison:

Mark Milne

Councilor Liaison:

Richard Barry

CFAC MEETING MINUTES

4.13.09

7:00 PM

Growth Management Conference Room

CFAC Members Present: Bill Brower, Robert Ciolek, Laura Cronin, John Curtis, Stanley Hodkinson

CFAC Members Absent: Ralph Krau, Jim Sproul, Tom Michael

Councilors Present: None

Staff Present: Deb Childs - Finance/Budget Analyst

1. Call to Order

Upon a quorum duly present, John Curtis called the CFAC meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Growth Management Conference Room.

2. Act on Minutes

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes of 04.06.09.

Vote: Unanimous

3. Chairman's Comments

None

4. Staff & Councilor Comments

Deb C. provided the committee with a packet containing a cover memo from Superintendent Dr. Patricia Grenier and the FY10 School Budget by site for their review.

5. New Business

Review and approve edits to the CFAC policies and procedures document dated 01.01.06-

Motion made and seconded to accept the revised document.

Vote: Unanimous

Discuss if CFAC meetings should be televised-

Bill B. and Laura C. agreed televised meetings may generate increased citizen interest and involvement.

Bob C. inquired whether there are ever guest speakers at the meetings. John C. confirmed yes there are various depending on the current topic of discussion.

Bob C. wondering whether if televising the meetings would affect the guests candor in discussions.

John C. stated the meetings are open to the public currently and citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The committee agreed to table the discussion until the absent members of the committee could comment.

Begin discussion of School FY10 Department Budget information -

The committee had several questions about the change in sites and which schools were closing. Deb C. provided a brief overview of the changes.

John C. questioned what the Academy was under the High School site.

Deb C. responded that the eight grade will be moving into the High School and would be considered a "separate" academy from the ninth through twelve graders.

John C. inquired if the Academy portion would have its own administrative section i.e. principal.

Deb C. responded no it would continue under the current administration.

Bob C inquired about what would occur with the buildings for the schools that are closing.

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John C. responded that is still under review and discussion.

Bob C. inquired about Special Education reimbursement funding. Is that reflecting in this budget?

Deb C. responded it did look like a projected reimbursement was noted under the Special Education section.

John C. stated that Dr. Grenier discussed this in her recent presentation and that those figures are still subject to change dependant on the state budget.

John C. inquired if athletic fees were reflected.

Deb C. indicated she did not think they were reflected as they would be part of a Revolving Fund and this budget was reflective of the General Fund.

Stan H. thinks the budget has several areas that require discussion and clarification as to what is attributing to the increase in cost.

John C. and Bill B. expressed an interest in further clarification of the custodial and building and maintenance costs per site.

Bob C. inquired if the committee has ever received and “all” funds report with revenue and expenses?

Laura C. inquired if there was a report of the numbers of teachers or FTE’s by site?

John C. inquired if there where any retirement incentives?

Stan H. inquired about why the charter school budgets did not have further detail?

John C. questioned whether the committee would like to form a sub-committee to review or discuss in an open forum. The committee agreed to review the documentation and formulate their questions. They will forward their questions to Deb C. or Mark M. for consolidation into one document to pursue responses.

6. Discussions

John C. requested a one page “bio” or resume from each member. John would like a booklet to be created that will illustrate who the committee is and the various experiences and background each member has to offer. He requested they be forwarded to Deb C. electronically.

John C. reviewed that the CFAC policies and procedures call for the nomination and election of a Chair and Vice Chair in May/June. He requests that any one with an interest in either position notify Bill B.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 27th, 2009 in the Growth Management conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.