

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 3/23/05

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Fey*	Dunn*	O'Neill*	Mahoney*
DeCoursey*	Connors	Simmons		
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan	
Piandes*	Franclemont*	Jones	Olsen*	
DuBois	Howard*	Fanning		Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Recycling Committee Members Susan Wyly, Gordon Jamieson, Minuteman Tech School Committee Member Laura Morrisette, Superintendent William Callahan, Principal Tom Markham, Paul Bayer,

MINUTES of 3/21/05 approved. Unanimous.

TRANSFER The Comptroller requested \$60k to pay for computer consulting resulting in part from the death of a key employee. The Info Tech Committee (Dunn) recommended \$25k based on a revised request from the Comptroller. VOTED \$25000 Unanimous.

ART 41 TRASH COLLECTION: Wyly, using a handout, stated the Recycling Committee's proposal is to direct the manager to develop a specific PAYT plan to present to the 2006 town meeting which, if approved, would go into effect 6 mo later. The plan would be based on the work done by the PAYT Committee whose final report was provided to FinCom members. Jamieson discussed some plan options using a table in the handout. The purpose of the PAYT program would be to promote recycling. It would probably require trash to be put out for collection in special bags that would be for sale in stores for about \$1. This would offset most of the disposal cost The recycling program would be unchanged. A 20% reduction in trash is expected together with a substantial reduction in the sanitation budget. There were many questions.

ART 40 TRASH FEE: Jamieson said this proposal, that would levy a fee on all property owners to cover the solid waste program, is an option that could reduce the deficit to about \$1m and also reduce the required cuts should the override fail.

ART 68 OVERRIDE RESOLUTION: Jamieson his recommended vote on this resolution would be to support the override.

ART 43 MINUTEMAN: Callahan & Markham, using the handout provided at the last meeting, reviewed the proposed budget & compared it to the previous 5 budgets. The total assessment increase is 14%. This anticipates continued loss of state revenue, reduction in allowable out-of-district tuition, and loss of out of district students.

Arlington's assessment may increase 20% to \$2.573m. Arlington students now make up 1/3 of the grades 9 – 12 enrollment. FinCom members asked many questions. Concerning Donovan's figure of 10 Arlington students who were included in the 1 Oct 04 enrollment but have since left Minuteman, Callahan said that some years students enter after 1 Oct. He thinks that this effect averages out. In addition, some of this year's 10 did not return to AHS until last month. The school gets sizable grants, especially for SPED, but grant-funded programs are not in the budget.

Budget & Article Action Summary

Bud #	Date presented	Date of vote	\$	Vote	Art#	Date presented	Date of vote	\$	Vote/ assigned to
1	2/14	2/14	10443	Unanimous					
2	3/16	3/16	289578	10-0-2	36	2/14	2/23		No report
3	2/14	2/14	362708	Unanimous	38	3/21			BOS
4	3/16	3/16	159983	Unanimous	39	3/21			Cap Plan
5	3/9				40	3/23			
6	3/16	3/16	589640	Unanimous	41	3/23			
7	3/16	3/16	143595	Unanimous					
8	3/14	3/14	288444	Unanimous	43	3/23			
9	2/9	2/9	771095	Unanimous	44	3/2	3/2	12067	Unanimous
10	2/14	2/14,2/23	212448	Unanimous	46	3/2	3/2	113000	Unanimous
11	2/14	2/14	58287	Unanimous	49	3/2	3/2	750000	Unanimous
12	3/16	3/16	87097	Unanimous	50	3/2	3/2	1000000	Unanimous
13	2/13,3/2,3/16	3/16	186947	Unanimous	52	3/2			
14	2/23	2/23	407851	12-0-1	54	3/2,3/9	3/9	Transfer 24000	
15	2/14	2/14	22922	Unanimous	53	3/9	3/9	100	Unanimous
16	3/14	3/14,3/21	6301807	Unanimous	55	2/14	2/23	Rollover 17000	
17a	3/16	3/16	337747	Unanimous	57	2/14	2/23	20000	Unanimous
17b	3/16	3/16	6098334	Unanimous	58	2/14,2/23			
17c									
17d									
17e	3/16	3/16	250000	Unanimous					
18a	3/16	3/16	329713	Unanimous					
18b									
19	3/21	3/21	34280902	16-0-1					
20	3/7	3/7	1713262	Unanimous					
21a	3/7	3/7	126013	Unanimous					
21b	3/7	3/7	163288	Unanimous					
21c	3/7	3/7	220859	12-0-1					
21d	3/9,3/14,3/16	3/16	130495	Unanimous					
22/23	2/9	2/9	6345069	Unanimous					
24									
25	3/14	3/14	12259672	Unanimous					
26	2/23	2/23	300000	Unanimous					
WS									
Rec									
Rnk									
COA	3/21								
YS	3/21	3/21	198241	Unanimous					
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RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$282,500- 25000 (Comptroller)=\$257,500

COMMITTEE: 3/28 Capital planning, ConCom, W&S EP. 3/30 Treasurer. No mtg week starting Sun 4/12.

Peter B Howard Secretary 3/24/05

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