

**TOWN OF WEBSTER
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

*Michael Finamore, Chairman
Sarah Sansom, Vice Chairman*

Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts 01570

MINUTES
March 3, 2016

PRESENT: Joe Beresik, Neil Dixon, Mike Finamore, Earl Gabor, Stanley Lenky, Carole Marchand and Sarah Sansom, Julie Dell'Anna

ABSENT: Jim Bazinet

With Christine Jackel being absent it was requested that Carole Marchand take the minutes and she accepted.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM on March 3, 2016 by Chairman Mike Finamore in the Selectmen's meeting room at the town hall.

Meeting began with report on school given by superintendent by Dr. Malkas and Mr. Ted Avlas regarding the needs of the schools and their proposed budget. Park Ave has a need for more teachers to have smaller classes. They are looking at 31 students per class in the upcoming year. Adding a new teacher in grades 1,2 and 4 will bring class size down to between 22 and 27 for all grades.

Technology has been updated for the middle school and high school to provide WiFi access throughout the schools but now the need for every student to have a tablet available to them is there. The school's first choice is to lease, but depending on the prop 2 ½ override they may have to buy.

It was asked what the purpose is of a Dean of Students at the middle school, which is a requested new position. The Dean of Students is responsible for discipline so that responsibility can be taken away from the Vice Principal giving them more time to deal with administrative issues.

Mr. Avlas reported that last year the number of students leaving Webster for School Choice has gone down, and the number of students wanting to come in has gone up.

A motion was made to vote to approve Chapter 70 Aid Resolution, the motion was seconded and the vote passed with a unanimous vote.

Correspondence : None

Transfers: None

A motion was made by Earl Gabor that minutes to meetings be posted on the town website, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ms. Leduc then came forward to give the ATA report. She presented the committee with FY2017 Level Service, Level Funded, and 10% Cut budget scenarios. It was discussed when the proposed budget would be available and Ms. Leduc said we would have it for our March 24, 2016 meeting.

Chairman Finamore asked Ms. Leduc about the solar farm and if we had received the money as planned by the solar company. She said yes.

A motion was made that the YTD budget be posted to the finance committee access of the website as soon as it was available, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Schedule for next 4 meetings was set for 3/24/16, 4/7/16, 4/21/16. 5/5/16.

There being no old or new business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Carole Marchand for Christine Jackel

Michael Finamore, Chairman Accepted