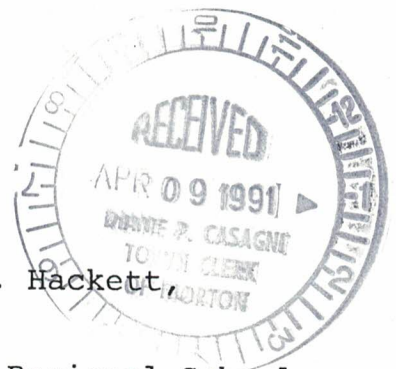


FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 6, 1991



Present: M. Brown, J. Desrochers, K. Eagan, M. Hackett,  
P. Helmreich, B. Kimball, C. MacQuown, D. Ward

Others Present: O'Leary, Superintendent, S.E. Regional School

S. E. Regional Budget

O'Leary continued discussion of overview of S.E. budget. Stated that regional schools asking for \$400,000 instead of \$150,000. Noted that burden for increase to be on local towns to come up with additional funds. He also noted that Norton's share is 9.9% over last year.

Discussion followed regarding teacher salaries, tuition costs per student, custodial salaries, health insurance costs.

M. Hackett asked O'Leary to provide the Committee the figure of how many people are currently on Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

K. Eagan asked O'Leary to provide the Committee with the number of Norton students who are post graduates.

Committee thanked Superintendent O'Leary for coming.

Discussion next moved to the Town of Norton School Budget.

Town of Norton School Budget

M. Hackett reminded Committee that this budget is bare bones, maintaining same level as last year. She then opened the floor for discussion.

Discussion followed on health insurance benefits and who sets health insurance payments, teacher salaries and contracts, and superintendent's salary.

M. Hackett reiterated that the Committee may get two more budgets, one reflecting 2 1/2 override and the budget that stays the same.

M. Hackett suggested that the Committee review and discuss collectively each account series of the Town of Norton school budget.

1,000 Series (Administration)  
Discussion focussed on salaries

2100 Series (Instructional Supervisors)  
discussion on salaries

2200 Series (Principal's Offices)  
Discussion of salaries, postage, SPED travel

2300 Series (Teaching)  
no discussion

2400 Series (Textbooks)  
Discussion on what happens to old textbooks. Clarification needed

2500 Series (Library Services)  
Discussion on costs

2600 Series (Audio Visual)  
Clarification needed on what happens to old equipment

2700 Series (Guidance)  
discussion on salaries

2800 Series (Psychological Services)  
Discussion of supplies and travel

3100 Series (Other Services)  
M. Brown noted that amounts stayed the same. No further discussion.

3200 Series (Health Services)  
discussion of salaries and travel

3300 Series (Transportation)  
Clarification needed on number of SPED students who travel, where they are taken and at what cost

3500 Series (Other Activities)  
Discussion focussed on band program and grounds and physical plant

4100 Series (Maintenance of Plant, Custodial)  
Discussion of salaries

4200 Series (Maintenance of Plant and Grounds)  
C. MacQuown noted a need for breakdown of budget for contractual services.

7000 Series (Acquisition of Assets)  
C. MacQuown noted that budget seemed like it was depleted since 1989.

7300 Series (Equipment)  
fixed charges, no discussion

7400 Series (Replaced Equipment)  
no discussion

9100 Series (Mass Schools Tuition)

M. Hackett noted that Committee needs to find out what Mass Schools tuition account is.

9300 Series (SPED Tuition)  
no discussion

M. Hackett noted that the Committee needs the following information regarding the Town of Norton School Budget:

- 1) copy of current school contract listing staff, job titles, and salaries for fiscal '91-92;
- 2) from Muriel Robbins a copy of the last billing of HMOs and Blue Cross/Blue Shield listing name of participants and where they work;
- 3) under 2400 account need information clarifying what becomes of old textbooks, equipment, and audio visual equipment;
- 4) under 3700 account (SPED transportation), the number of students involved at what expense, where transported, what amount is reimbursed by the State and is it disproportionately high?
- 5) under 4230 account (Maintenance of Equipment), what is the breakdown of contracted services;
- 6) and under 910 account, what is new Mass Schools tuition?

P. Helmreich stated to Committee that this is a good bare bones draft budget. He also noted that Committee needs to be in agreement if there are any changes.

B. Kimball stated that Committee needed clarification on the above noted line items first.

Discussion followed on school contracts, increase in teacher salaries, athletic budget and cafeteria budget.

P. Helmreich informed Committee that a letter had been sent to all Town Department Heads notifying them of the opportunity to come before the Committee to discuss their budget if they wish.

D. Ward motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:05 p.m.