

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**October 29, 2007**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Municipal Center – Selectmen's Conference Room**

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**Present:** Chairman, Lee Tarantino; Pasquale Barletta; Robert Bouchard; Jackie Desrochers; Wayne Graf; Paul Helmreich.

**Absent:** Vice-Chair, Michael Thomas; Thomas DeLuca; Philip Zawasky;

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to Order at 7:35 PM.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to approve the May 14, 2007 Finance Committee minutes as written. Second by Mr. Graf. Vote: All in favor, with Ms. Desrochers, Mr. Barletta, and Mr. Bouchard abstaining.

**Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to approve the May 23, 2007 Finance Committee minutes as written. Second by Mr. Graf. Vote: All in favor, with Ms. Desrochers, Mr. Barletta, and Mr. Bouchard abstaining.

**Motion carries.**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to approve the October 3, 2007 Finance Committee minutes as written. Second by Ms. Desrochers. Vote: All in favor, with Mr. Tarantino and Mr. Bouchard abstaining.

**Motion carries.**

**II. New Business**

Dr. Patricia Ansay, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the FinCom to request the authorization for an increase in expenditures from \$60K to \$100K for the Full-Day Kindergarten program in order to add a third full-day kindergarten class. According to state law, a Town Meeting is not required for this authorization, however the approval of both the Finance Committee and the Selectmen is required.

Dr. Ansay stated that additional grants are now available, enabling Norton to add a third class, but further funds are needed to implement this class, for the additional salary and additional supplies needed.

Dr. Ansay assured the FinCom that this money can be used only for this third kindergarten class and cannot go into the general school budget.

Dr. Ansay pointed out that the full-day program is a great way to keep students in the Norton Public Schools, as opposed to the Charter school. This saves the town money.

Dr. Ansay said that it is likely that this grant money will build next year, and that she wants it to build upon the funding for 3 classes as opposed to just 2.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to authorize an increase in expenditures from the \$60K amount previously authorized under Article 15 of the May 14, 2007, Annual Town Meeting for the Full-Day Kindergarten Program Revolving Fund, to \$100K. Second by Ms. Desrochers. Vote: Unanimous.

**Motion carries.**

(FinCom signed an authorization)

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Dr. Ansay discussed her search for School Business Manager and what she wanted this person's role to be. She stated that Norton is one of the only systems in the Commonwealth that does not have a business manager.

Mr. Tarantino discussed a letter he received from Dr. Ansay inviting the members of the FinCom to a tour of the town's school buildings.

Mr. Helmreich said that Dr. Ansay gave him a page detailing the Yelle school repair costs. Mr. Helmreich distributed copies to all members.

Dr. Ansay stated that the Middle School repairs came in under budget.

### **III. Old Business**

Mr. Helmreich updated the FinCom on what the Ad-Hoc is presently working on. He said that questionnaires were constructed and that Mr. Giblin, a member of the Ad-Hoc, would be copying and distributing them. Mr. Helmreich said that the committee would be looking at the possibility of outsourcing various services, at the request of Mr. John Freeman, a citizen of the town.

### **Next Meeting**

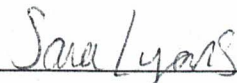
The next meeting, in conjunction with the Selectmen's Meeting, is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 2007 at 7:00pm. A representative for a medical insurance program will be presenting information.

The following Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be a representative discussing property insurance, liability insurance, and workman's comp. insurance. This meeting will also be held alongside the Selectmen.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Helmreich to adjourn at 8:10pm. Second by Mr. Barletta. Vote: Unanimous.  
**Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary