

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
March 29, 1989



The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 pm.

Present: M. Brown, J. Desrochers, K. Eagan, M. Hackett,  
E. Hamilton, P. Helmreich, B. Kimball, L. MacLean,  
C. MacQuown, R. Nugent D. Ward

B. Kimball reviews the night's agenda.

Review final mileage memo. B. Kimball notes his meeting with the Selectmen regarding the proposal.

The Finance Committee received two transfer requests from the Selectmen's office. S. Lombard will meet with Finance Committee on Monday, April 3rd regarding the requests. He will also review the STM articles.

STM warrant will include 8 articles, currently.

B. Kimball will schedule STM article hearings for 4-3-89.

Discussion of letter received from the Water Department regarding discrepancy of \$5,000 in employee salaries and the composition sheet which involves seasonal summer help.

ATM article 12

B. Nugent moves to reconsider article 12.

K. Eagan seconds

Unanimous

D. Ward moves \$175,089 for article 12.

B. Nugent moves \$692,080 for article 12.

K. Eagan seconds

Review of Water Department letter.

Discussion of seasonal help.

Discussion of inadequate budgets.

6-3-0

P. Helmreich notes Finance Committee's minority report process. Also he notes the new Water Superintendent and the Board of Water Commissioner's responsibility.

M. Hackett notes the additional information needed for budget deliberations.

Discussion of Finance Committee procedure in September prior to budget deliberations to inform departments the need for completeness, neatness and format to be used.

P. Helmreich notes current format is recent and reviews past history of receipt of budgets. He also notes how S. Lombard has been able to forward budgets to the Committee in November vs the day of budget hearing.

B. Kimball notes need for prior Committee review and letter to Department heads prior to deliberation.

LG Nourse PTA, ATM article 11

The PTA Chairman notes that there are currently 20 active members. The School Improvement Council has received leadership awards and award of excellence. They hold 1 annual fundraiser in the Fall where they raise approx \$3,000.

The current playground includes 4 seesaws and 14 swings which are 25-30 years old. They are maintained by the PTA. Changes currently include additional little league fields, there are currently two.

There will be after school day care in the Fall which will also use the equipment.

The PTA performed a study and examined modular units. They had a consensus for the metal proposed units due to their safeness, foster creativity, accomodate a large number of children and encourage physical activity.

They ruled out pressure treated wood because of splinters, difficulty to maintain, shorter life span and potential harmful compounds used to treat wood.

The metal units are durable, expandable and require little maintenance.

The Principal notes that the playground was originally submitted on the 5 year capital improvement plan. They children, parents and staff have continuously requested a playground.

Review of proposed plan, and booklet of equipment.

Cost - approximately \$14,000 - \$18,000 including site prep.

Bids will return on 4-12-89.

The PTA will apply the \$3,000 to the cost.

Minimum would be left half of plan proposed. Cost - approx 40% less.

P. Helmreich questions Solmonese PTA purchasing their own equipment.

Chairwoman notes the Solmonese has a larger population of families, therefore, raising more funds during fundraisers.

Also the Solmonese receives more funds, therefore, saving their fund-raising monies for purchase of equipment.

E. Hamilton notes School Committee was in favor of playground.

P. Helmreich notes new School Committee policy and feels that if it was important to the Committee they could have placed it within budget.

E. Hamilton questions compromise.

P. Helmreich notes Solmonese receives more funds but costs are higher for trips etc due to the larger number of students.

LGA total population of children is 383 with 110 children at one time using equipment.

Minimum cost - \$8,000 - 9,000. Site prep cost of \$4,400 can be offset with fund-raising monies.

B. Nugent moves to reconsider article 11.

Seconded

Unanimous

E. Hamilton notes LGN is a quality school and supports the PTA to help them get started.



- B. Nugent notes Finance Committee F90 policy of recommending only essential capital expenses.  
B. Kimball notes types of funding available.  
P. Helmreich notes real push for equipment came this year.  
Review capital expenditure line item. Playground does not meet the criteria set by Committee for F90.  
E. Hamilton suggests table until Committee requests to Dr. Spillane's help  
K. Eagan notes that it can be reconsidered in the Fall when the finances of the Town are better known.  
B. Kimball notes that the PTA members will probably get up at Town meeting and questions what he should tell the group.  
E. Hamilton states he would like to see the group encouraged.  
P. helmreich moves to recommend \$16,000 for #11 SD c.  
B. Nugent seconds  
1-9-0

B. Kimball notes agenda - Monday -  
Selectmen 7:35

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 pm until  
4-3-89 at approximately 7:30 pm.