

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes

October 1, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, Richard Buley
Vice-Chairman, Robert Horacek
Paul Tsatsos
Linda Bathel
Chris Garvey
Patti Dunn-O'Connell

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Carr, Town Accountant
Carol DellaGuistana, Assistant Town Accountant
Thomas Witham, Superintendent of STRSD
Paul Petit, Business Manager
Robin Solek, Secretary

The scheduled meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be on November 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

A MOTION was made by R. Horacek, seconded by L. Bathel (Vote 5: Yes 1: Abstain) to accept the minutes September 10, 2007.

Old Business: The Finance Committee finalized the letter addressed to the Board of Selectmen requesting to be informed of collective bargaining before any final terms are agreed upon.

New Business: Thomas Witham and Paul Petit met with the members of the Finance Committee to discuss the STRSD Budget for Fiscal Year 2009. Some of the discussion points were:

- Contracts to be negotiated for para professionals, nurses, custodians and secretaries
- A need to increase staff for ESL (English as a Second Language) which is mandated by the State
- Free full day kindergarten
- Capital improvements
- Round table discussion with School Committee, Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen

A MOTION was made by P. Tsatsos, seconded by R. Horacek (Vote- Unanimous) to approve of a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$1,150.00 for recording fees for the Conservation Commission.

A MOTION was made by P. Tsatsos seconded by P. Dunn-O'Connell (Vote – Unanimous) to approve the letter from the Finance Committee to the Board of Selectmen regarding collective bargaining.

L. Bathel and C. Garvey will attend the ATFC Annual Meeting on November 3, 2007.

There is a permanent vacancy for a Finance Committee Member.

A MOTION was made by P. Tsatsos, seconded by R. Horacek (Vote- Unanimous) adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Solek
Secretary, Finance Committee

Rich Buley, Chairman