

**Public Budget Hearing**  
**March 12, 2014**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Molony-Sullivan Auditorium**

Background was presented on how the School Committee develops the budget which will be posted on the website tomorrow.

Major elements of the current draft FY15 budget were presented.

Enrollment determines how they divide the budget back to the Town of Blackstone and Millville.

The back page is the assessment process of determining the budget and aid as well as district funds that can be used to offset the budget.

The last page of the proposal has the capital expenses. These expenses include the Middle School debt, sewer system and roofing projects and total capital costs to both Blackstone and Millville.

The Draft FY15 Budget is \$22,090,979 which is an increase of 3.4% (\$725,729) over the FY14 budget.

The Excess and Deficiency Fund has been certified at \$529,044.

**District Revenues:**

Medicaid – 60,000

Misc. funds - 35,000

Interest income – 4,000

Music and athletic fees -65,000

E and D - 0 (there are no funds in this account to lower the assessment to the Towns)

**Total \$164,000**

**Expenses vs. Revenues:**

State aid has increased by \$130,103

District revenue – minus \$655,693

Operating budget has increased by \$725,729

**Revenue District deficit minus \$525,590**

Proposed FY15 Budget - \$22,090,979

Less state aid - \$10,802,974

Less Community Contributions – \$9,657,337

Less District Funds -\$164,000

**Assessment deficit – \$1,466,668**

**Reasons for FY15 Assessment Deficit**

There are no funds in E & D to lower the assessment to the Towns

Loss of Chapter 70 Aid for school choice students (\$305,000)

Increased cost in student services (mandated)

This portion of the meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

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**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mrs. Greenstein and unanimously voted to approve Consent Agenda A.

**Report of the Superintendent**

The student services budget has a projected deficit of \$125,503 for FY14. They are receiving more regional transportation aid this year – develop a strategy to address the closing of the budget in the black – it will absorb any money that would flow back into the Excess and Deficiency Account. By state law you cannot close with a deficit.

Health insurance has been the saving grace since we had a Medex savings mid-year.

School Committee candidate review – site visits were done. There are only 2 candidates left – site visits are scheduled for tomorrow and Friday. The question was raised if they want to add another candidate to the mix since one of the three finalists dropped out- Mrs. Robinson feels they should move forward with the 2 current candidates with the understanding that they could add one if need be. The decision was made to hold off for another two days.

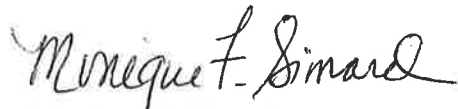
Upcoming meetings are scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> for budget adoption which will be held at the Middle school and not the High school and set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

The site visits will take place in Sutton tomorrow and Wellesley on Friday.

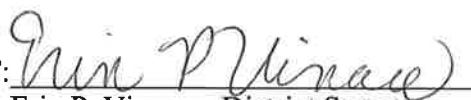
There were no items for Public Forum.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mrs. Greenstein and unanimously voted to adjourn the School Committee meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Monique F. Simard  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:   
Erin P. Vinacco, District Secretary