

The Cape Elizabeth School Board held a Budget Workshop meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2015 in the Cape Elizabeth High School Library & Learning Commons. The meeting began at 6:30 pm. and was videotaped.

John Christie David Hillman Susana Measelle Hubbs Michael Moore Joanna Morrissey Barbara Powers M. Kate Williams-Hewitt
 Sierra Bates Natalie Vaughan

BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

Superintendent's 2015-2016 Budget discussion – Instructional Support, Preschool, Staffing and benefits, and Office of the Superintendent

Board finance committee chair, Michael Moore, opened the meeting to members of the public wishing to speak.

- Ann Gray (Greenview Dr) ~ creator of an electronic petition supporting full-time special education director and behaviorist*
- Cindy Voltz (Philip Rd) ~ spoke to special education*
- Audra Welton (Two Lights Rd) ~ creator of electronic petition in support of low class size*
- Jeff Vickery (Woodland Rd) ~ read excerpt from a CE Education Assn. survey*
- Corin Swift (Oakhurst Rd) ~ spoke to special education*
- Wayne Brooking (Two Lights Rd) ~ spoke to special education*
- Zack Greenfield (Lindenwood Rd) ~ spoke to special education*
- Bill Gross (Sea View Ave) ~ spoke against proposed preschool program*
- John Voltz (Philip Rd) ~ spoke in support of proposed preschool program and to special education*
- Randi Bollenbach (Belfield Rd) ~ Spoke against proposed preschool program*
- Sarah Crawford (Mitchell Rd) ~ spoke to class-size and special education*
- Tim Thompson (Pine Ridge Rd) ~ spoke to proposed preschool program and special education*

Following the close of public comment session, Jane Golding responded to questions following the March 3 budget workshop by providing additional special education programming data/information.

Superintendent Nadeau announced that the recommendation would now be that one full-time director of special education (called director of instructional support this year) be maintained. It would further be recommended that the full time director of special education be based within the Pond Cove/Middle School.

Superintendent Nadeau reviewed the preschool program proposal to close the achievement gap for kids by utilizing Cape's existing preschool programming to initially provide a targeted preschool program for students with disabilities who might not otherwise be accessing a full pre-K education. The long-term goal would be to offer

children who aren't able to attend preschool – typically for financial reasons – the opportunity. Because we are still waiting for the DOE approval application to become available and families need to begin to make fall preschool commitments now, this proposal would be pulled from the proposed budget.

Scott Wyman spoke about the proposed human resource position to be shared with the town and distributed a draft job description.

Superintendent Nadeau spoke about the volunteer/extended learning opportunity coordinator position proposed due to the pending retirement of the district's volunteer services coordinator. This position would continue maintaining volunteer service coordination and be located within the high school to further develop coordinated business partnerships and student internship/volunteer opportunities.

Proposed staff changes as of March 19 were reviewed.

Adjourned 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith Nadeau
Superintendent of Schools