

The Cape Elizabeth School Board held a Budget Workshop and Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 in the Cape Elizabeth Town Council Chambers. The meeting began at 6:30 pm. and was broadcast live via CETV. A Special Business meeting immediately followed.

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

* Mr. Hillman arrived at approximately 7pm.

MINUTES

BUDGET WORKSHOP

- Overview presentation of the Superintendent's 2015-2016 budget.
- Community Services / Pool
 ~ Opportunity for public comment ~
- School Board 2015 Goals discussion

The school board finance chair, Michael Moore, opened the meeting explaining that Superintendent Nadeau would provide an overview of the proposed budget, but items would not be reviewed at tonight's meeting. After all stakeholders have had time to review and formulate questions about the budget, topics would be addressed at public workshops scheduled during March. All budget information, including the schedule of workshops, could be found online at - <https://sites.google.com/a/capeelizabethschools.org/budget/new/budget2015-2016>

Mr. Moore prefaced the Director of Community Services' presentation saying that with Cape Elizabeth's One Town concept the school department has oversight of community services, however it is a separate budget and not part of the school board's budget voted on by the citizens of Cape Elizabeth.

Russell Packett provided an overview of the proposed Community Services budget. School board members asked questions following Mr. Packett's presentation.

No members of the public spoke to budget.

Following the budget discussion, Ms. Morrissey led a discussion about 2015 school board goal development and it's relationship to the district's Strategic Plan. Mr. Hillman said he felt the Strategic Plan alleviated the needs for board goals. He didn't believe the current drafts were goals. He would like to see simplified goals like last year's version. Mr. Christie said it's important to him that any school board goals focus on areas of

school board responsibility, i.e., setting the direction for the district, establishing policy, providing for accountability and community oversight, and communication. Ms. Measelle Hubbs said that an annual evaluation process of the board's direction, whether called goals or not, is important. Ms. Powers expressed being in agreement with Ms. Morrissey, in that in order for the board to stay focused it might be good memorialize the board's role in the Strategic Plan, and also with Mr. Hillman in why do we need to be redundant in what's already in the plan. She added, as a former superintendent, she also recognizes that it's good to stick with goals that have been established (Strategic Plan) and not layer on lots of other items. Mr. Moore didn't believe that a Strategic Plan encompasses everything that a board needs to address. Mr. Christie said he felt that Ms. Morrissey could use the current drafts to develop clearer, concise goals and how each could be accomplished, and do so, as Ms. Powers noted, without layering on new initiatives. Ms. Morrissey said she would revise and circulate a version to the board in hopes that the goals might be on the March business meeting agenda.

Adjourned 8:16 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monthly finance reports were reviewed.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith Nadeau
Superintendent of Schools