

Town of Columbia
Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Planning and Allocation Commission
February 17, 2010, 2010

(Immediately following the Tri-Board Meeting of the Columbia Board of Selectmen, the Columbia Board of Education, and the Columbia Financial Planning and Allocation Commission)

Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT. 06237

Present: Chairman Earnest Sharpe, Joanne Gyure, Cindy Harrison, Scott Petrequin, Judy Szegda-Ortiz and Mike Robertson.

Also Present: First Selectman Carmen Vance, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, and others.

1. **Call to order:** E. Sharpe called the meeting to order at 8:38 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Minutes: 1/20/10** M. Robertson MOVED to approve the minutes of 1/20/10 with following corrections:
 - Page 2, 5.3 FY '09-'10- Budget Mid-Year Expenditure Analysis, states "*Public Act 9-06*" and it should state "*Public Act 09-6*"
 - Page 2, 5.3 FY '09-'10 Budget Mid-Year Expenditure Analysis, Line 12 states "*E. Sharpe stated that he did inquire of the State of Connecticut Department of Education about Columbia requesting a waiver from the funding obligations contained in Public Act 9-06, and that he was informed that a waiver is not an option and that the town should increase funding to the Columbia Board of Education in an amount to meet the level funding requirements of the Public Act.*" and it should state "*E. Sharpe stated that he did inquire of the State of Connecticut Department of Education about Columbia requesting a waiver from the funding obligations contained in Public Act 9-06, and that he was informed that a waiver is not an option and that the town should increase funding to the Columbia Board of Education in an amount to meet the level funding requirements of the Public Act. E. Sharpe then spoke with an attorney who said that a waiver is an option.*"MOTION CARRIED 6:0.

E. Sharpe MOVED to add item 6.3 entitled Appointment of Allen Smith to agenda and address it immediately. MOTION CARRIED 6:0.

- 6.3 **Appointment of Allen Smith:** The Commission spoke with Allen Smith. E. Sharpe MOVED to appoint Allen Smith. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:1 with M. Robertson abstaining.
4. **Correspondence**
 - 4.1 **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of 1/19/10:**
 - 4.2 **BOE Regular Meeting Minutes of 1/19/10:**

- 4.3 **BOE Regular Meeting Minutes of 2/1/10:**
- 4.4 **BOE Budget Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of 1/25/10:**
- 4.5 **BOE Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of 1/25/10:**
- 4.6 **BOE Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of 2/8/10:**
- 4.7 **BOE Budget Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of 2/8/10:**
- 4.8 **Fiscal Policy Board Regular Meeting Minutes of 1/13/10:**

- 5. **Old Business**
- 5.1 **FY '08-'09 Audit Update:** J. Luiz explained that the audit information has all been submitted and there will be a conference call this week to go over preliminary results. C. Harrison asked about if the town filed for 2nd extension and J. Luiz said that it was and there are no penalties.

- 6. **New Business**
- 6.1 **Transfers:** J. Luiz reviewed the transfers with the Commission. J. Ortiz MOVED to approve the following transfers: \$100 from # 10-4800-900, entitled, Contingency, to # 10-5300-720, entitled, Building Services, Professional Dues; \$1000 from # 10-4800-900, entitled, Contingency, to # 10-41116-230, entitled Chapel, Electricity; \$1000 from # 10-4800-900, entitled Contingency, to # 10-4260-120, entitled, Senior Center Services, Telephone/Communication; \$1000 from # 10-4800-900, entitled, Contingency, to 10-4400-230, entitled Street Lighting, Electricity. E. Sharpe SECONDED and it CARRIED 6:0.

- 6.2 **Discussion re: Tri-Board Meeting of the BOS, BOE and FIPAC:** C. Harrison asked what the town going to do about the recourse of the public act. J. Luiz stated that the appeal will be sent to the State of CT. BOE. Discussion followed. M. Robertson expressed concern regarding the 90K that may be owed for attorney fees due to the school lawsuit. Discussion followed.

- 7. **Audience of Citizens**

- 8. **Next Meeting:** The next FIPAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

- 9. **Adjournment:** E. Sharpe MOVED to adjourn and the MOTION CARRIED 7:0. 9:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Bona