



TOWN OF COLUMBIA
Fiscal Policy Board
June 12, 2013
Horace W. Porter School Conference Room
8:45 a.m.

Members Present: Bev Ciurylo-Finance Director, Jonathan Luiz-Town Administrator, Earnest Sharpe-FiPAC Chairman, Carmen Vance-First Selectman

Members Absent: Francine Coss-Superintendent, Kerry Hoffman-Board of Education Member

Others Present: Judy Ortiz-FiPAC Member

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Ciurylo called the June 12, 2013 Fiscal Policy Board meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

2. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2013

C. Vance **MOVED** and B. Ciurylo **SECONDED** to approve the May 8, 2013 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

3. Correspondence – None

4. Old Business

- A. MBR** – The Board of Selectmen will meet in executive session on Tuesday, June 18 to make a decision regarding this matter. The Town has the option of 1) doing nothing which means the Town will not receive \$312,000 in ECS money next year, 2) giving \$312,000 to the Board of Education, or 3) challenging the state's decision in the court system.

If the Town concedes to give the Board of Education this money it is requested that the Superintendent/Board of Ed prepare a list of planned capital one-time spending projects.

- B. School Security** – Mr. Luiz explained the State Board of Education's three-phase School Security Competitive Grant Program to improve security infrastructure in CT schools for fiscal years ending June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2015. The first phase is due July 28th. Reimbursement for towns will be ranked in descending order according to town wealth. Eligible projects completed on or after April 4, 2013 may be applied for under this grant program and it is expected that up to 50% of what the Columbia Board of Education spends on security will be reimbursed. Fiscal Policy Board members discussed the school security assessment audit that will start on Monday, June 17th. Fiscal Policy Board members also discussed using capital and MBR money for security updates, bid process, need for a spending plan and timeline from the Board of Education, and unspent tuition and tuition funds.
- C. School Roof Project Update** – the roof project will not take place this summer. Proper documentation was submitted in April when the roof was 20 year years old, as specified by the State. The town was required to meet with the State three times before going out to bid. The second meeting is not scheduled until July. Because the project is postponed until next year, two leaks will need to be repaired this summer.

5. New Business

- A. **Back Office Services** – MUNIC conversion from BMSI to MUNIC will be very costly. Mrs. Ciurylo reported the State is planning to adopt a universal chart of accounting for CT towns and school districts next July. BMSI is working on the universal chart of accounting.

- 6. Fiscal Department** – Mrs. Ciurylo reported the auditors will be in for a preliminary meeting next week and then back in the fall. She anticipates no issues.

7. Audience

8. Adjournment

C. Vance **MOVED** and J. Luiz **SECONDED** to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

The next meeting will be July 10, 2013 @ 8:45 a.m. in the Horace W. Porter School Conference Room.