

**Town of Columbia
FISCAL POLICY BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2011**

8:30 A.M.

Horace W. Porter School Conference Room

Members Present: Bev Ciurylo-Fiscal Manager, Francine Coss-Superintendent, Jonathan Luiz-Town Administrator, William Mulcahy-Board of Education Member, Earnest Sharpe-FIPAC Chairman, Carmen Vance-First Selectman

Staff Present: Karen Johnson-Superintendent's Secretary

I. Call to Order

B. Ciurylo called the February 9, 2011 Fiscal Policy Board meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

II. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2010

B. Ciurylo **MOVED** and E. Sharpe **SECONDED** to approve the December 15, 2010 regular meeting minutes with the following correction: V.A. Tri-Board Meeting with FIPAC, BOS & BOE, 6th sentence - window replacement (rather than widow replacement).

MOTION CARRIES: 4-2-0

B. Ciurylo, F. Coss, E. Sharpe, C. Vance VOTED FOR THE MOTION
J. Luiz, W. Mulcahy ABSTAINED

III. Correspondence - None

IV. Old Business

A. Finance Department Accounting Software – February 18, 2011 Presentations & Interviews - Mrs. Ciurylo explained six vendors are scheduled to give product demonstrations/presentations from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The six vendors will have individual interviews from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

V. New Business

A. Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget Discussion – Mr. Luiz explained that a budget workshop was held on February 8th where the Board of Selectmen discussed the Town's operating budget. The Governor will release state budget figures next week. Mrs. Coss will be presenting the 2011/2012 Board of Education budget with a 0.00% increase. Areas where money has been saved are; tuition (there are more seniors graduating compared to freshmen entering high school), EdJob funding supplementing the certified salary line, health care level funding and the reduction of unemployment costs. Numbers are still preliminary. A fourth bus may need to be added to transport high school students to the four different high schools: Bolton, Lyman, E.O. Smith and Windham. Mrs. Coss clarified that the 0% increase is based on the approved BOE budget of \$11,607,465 which was a 2.53% increase over the 2009/2010 school year. ARRA funds of \$363,801 were not deducted from the March 8, 2010 approved Board of Education budget. Mr. Sharpe asked for confirmation that surplus tuition dollars would be returned to the Town and clarification regarding unemployment compensation. Mrs. Coss confirmed any extra tuition money would indeed be returned to the Town. Mrs. Coss explained the BOE pays 100% of the first 26 weeks of an employee's unemployment, the next 26 weeks are paid by the federal government and the BOE is responsible for 100% of the remaining 20 weeks (72 weeks total). In March, after solid numbers come in, budget numbers may change. Mr. Luiz would like to show a true Town only expenditure amount. Grant numbers will be explained and separated from the bottom line. The Town and Board of Education Budget by Object detail format will be the same and the tuition variance will be included in the budget general fund.

VI. Fiscal Department

VII. Audience

VIII. Other

IX. Adjournment

J. Luiz **MOVED** and E. Sharpe **SECONDED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

MOTION CARRIES: 6-0

Next meeting: March 9, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Johnson, Superintendent's Secretary