

Town of Columbia
Financial Planning and Allocation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 - 7:00 pm.
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT. 06237

Members Present: Chairman Earnest Sharpe; Vice-Chairman Michael Robertson; Judy Szegda-Ortiz; Patricia Grabel; Steven Everett; Jeff Viens.

Also Present: First Selectman Carmen Vance; Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz.

1. **Call to Order:** E. Sharpe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Introduction of Jeffrey Viens (R) to FiPAC:** E. Sharpe welcomed J. Viens to FiPAC.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** E. Sharpe MOVED to approve the following minutes:
 - 4.1 **Approval of FiPAC June 19, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - 4.2 **Approval of FiPAC June 27, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes**
 - 4.3 **Approval of FiPAC July 17, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**E. Sharpe MOVED to approve the minutes of June 19, 2013; June 27, 2013 and July 17, 2013. J. Ortiz SECONDED the MOTION and it CARRIED 7:0.
5. **Correspondence**
 - 5.1 **BOS Special Meeting Minutes of 7/16/13**
 - 5.2 **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of 8/6/13**
 - 5.3 **BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of 8/20/13**
 - 5.4 **BOS Special Meeting Minutes of 8/28/13**
 - 5.5 **BOE Special Meeting Minutes of 6/18/13**
 - 5.6 **BOE Special Meeting Minutes of 7/16/13**
 - 5.7 **BOE Special Meeting Minutes of 8/6/13**
 - 5.8 **BOE Regular Meeting Motions of 9/3/13**
 - 5.9 **2013 Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) Scores:** FiPAC discussed the CMT scores.
6. **Old Business**
 - 6.1 **MBR update:** J. Luiz stated that the BOS appropriated a supplemental funding to the Columbia BOE in accordance with the July 16, 2013 Special Town Meeting vote.
 - 6.2 **Current Year Budget:** E. Sharpe asked about article regarding a STEAP award and whether it will be extra funding. J. Luiz stated that this is to be used on road work to take place in the next fiscal year.

7. New Business

7.1 Transfers: J. Ortiz MOVED to approve the following transfer:

AMOUNT	FROM A/C #, DESCRIPTION	TO A/C #, DESCRIPTION
\$10,000	# 10-4510-500, Prof./Tech.	# 10-4510-010, Salaries

M. Robertson SECONDED the MOTION and it CARRIED 7:0.

7.2 School Security Update: Discussion ensued regarding school security. J. Luiz stated that the town has applied for a school security grant.

7.3 School Roof Update: J. Luiz said that he and the Interim Superintendent and the architect met with the State to review the project J. Luiz stated that the project is now solely “roof replacement” from the grant perspective. This was done so that the grant process can be streamlined.

7.4 General Discussion – Financial Overview: E. Sharpe stated that any FiPAC member may sit in on BOE teacher negotiations if they would like to. E. Sharpe stated that he feels it is a good idea for anyone that may have questions regarding a particular topic, to make note of it so it can be discussed and understood so it does not require lengthy discussion during budget meetings. He encouraged FiPAC members to think about this ahead of time. E. Sharpe stated that he feels it is a good idea to hold two Tri-Board meetings again this year.

8. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

9. Adjournment: M. Robertson MOVED to adjourn and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Kimberly A. Bona