



TOWN OF COLUMBIA
Fiscal Policy Board
January 13, 2016
Horace W. Porter School Conference Room
8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Bev Ciurylo-Finance Director, Lol Fearon-Superintendent, Christopher Lent-Board of Education Chairperson, Earnest Sharpe-FiPAC Chairman

Members Absent: Natasha Nau-Town Administrator, Carmen Vance-First Selectman

I. Call to Order

Mrs. Ciurylo called the January 13, 2016, Fiscal Policy Board meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. Board members welcomed Board of Education Chairman Christopher Lent to the Fiscal Policy Board.

II. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2015

E. Sharpe **MOVED** and L. Fearon **SECONDED** to TABLE this action item until the February 10, 2016 meeting.
MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

III. Correspondence – none

IV. Old Business

- a. **Town 2014/2015 Audit – Mrs. Ciurylo** reported the ED001 was finalized cleanly with no issues or points. She is waiting for the final draft of the town audit which was also filed cleanly with no issues or points.
- b. **Library Project Update – Mrs. Ciurylo** reported the building has been gutted and foundation poured. The completion date of June 30 may be pushed back due to a delay in obtaining permits. Library books are off-site and insured. Mr. Fearon will inquire as to whether the library still needs one of HWP's classrooms for storage.
- c. **Roof Replacement Grant Update – Mrs. Ciurylo** reported that she has contacted the CT State Board of Education for forms that will need to be submitted by February 1 for payment of the balance March 1. Approximately \$30,000 will be reimbursed to the Town.

V. New Business

- a. **Additional Cuts to Municipal Aid – Mrs. Ciurylo** reported that property taxes should make up for expected ECS cuts. The State will require 2018 IDEA grant money to be spent in the first year.
- b. **2016/2017 Fuel Price Lock In - Mrs. Ciurylo** reported the Town is expected to lock in fuel prices for the 2016/17 fiscal year with East River. (heating @ 1.59 and diesel @ 1.60). **Mr. Fearon** reported the Board of Education will have a projected savings of \$34,000 over this year's cost. Prices have been compared with the EASTCONN bid.
- c. **Special Education Costs –** Student Services Director Mary-Kate Farley, Mr. Fearon and Mrs. Ciurylo have met to discuss IDEA funds and it is expected that approximately \$100,000 can be applied to this year's special education deficit. The school continues to have a "soft freeze".

VI. Fiscal Department – Mrs. Ciurylo reported the department is gearing up for the budget season. Board members discussed the Town general fund, special education costs, grants, LOA's, HSA and RFP's for medical plan comparisons.

VII. Audience

VIII. Adjournment

E. Sharpe **MOVED** and L. Fearon **SECONDED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 a.m.
MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

The next meeting will be February 10, 2016 @ 8:30 a.m. in the H. W. Porter School Conference Room.