



TOWN OF COLUMBIA
Fiscal Policy Board
January 15, 2014
Horace W. Porter School Conference Room
8:45 a.m.

Members Present: Bev Ciurylo-Finance Director, Kerry Hoffman-Board of Education Chairperson, Jonathan Luiz-Town Administrator, Earnest Sharpe-FiPAC Chairman, Lol Fearon-Superintendent

Members Absent: Carmen Vance-First Selectman

Others Present: Jeff Viens-FiPAC Member, Lisa Napolitano-BOE Member

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Ciurylo called the January 15, 2014 Fiscal Policy Board meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

2. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2013

E. Sharpe **MOVED** and J. Luiz **SECONDED** to approve the December 11, 2013 meeting minutes with the suggested changes:

4.A. Old Business-Security Grant Update – Strike: *The project may cost less than the original estimated cost of \$248,000 and because of this reimbursement may be lower than anticipated and may take up to 60 days.* **Insert:** The State revised estimated cost is \$515,573. \$248,000 is the potential reimbursement to the town if that amount is spent.

4.B. Old Business-MBR Spending – Strike: *suggests.* **Insert:** *said the numbers suggest the BOE do some priority spending.*

4.E. Old Business-Library Construction Grant – Strike: *awarded.* **Insert:** *promised.*

5.B. 2014/2015 Budget Process – Strike: *(HAS).* **Insert:** *(HSA)*

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

B. Ciurylo, K. Hoffman, J. Luiz, E. Sharpe **VOTED FOR THE MOTION**

3. Correspondence – None

4. Old Business

A. **School Security Enhancements Update** – Mr. Fearon reported that five inner vestibule areas are being worked on. Electrical wiring is being worked on for camera installation and doors. There are some delays due to equipment and weather issues. The March deadline should still be met.

B. **MBR Spending** – The Board of Education will be discussing MBR spending at a special meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Mr. Fearon will report back to the Fiscal Policy Board on February 12th.

C. **School Roof Project Update** – Mr. Luiz reported Columbia Town Building officials required changes which have been sent to the architect. Those changes will be sent out this week. The project is still on schedule for completion this summer. The Board discussed the state's requirement for the Town to fund 105% of the project upfront, roof top mechanicals and reimbursement timing.

5. New Business

A. **Introduction of Superintendent Lol Fearon** – Fiscal Policy Board members welcomed new Superintendent, Mr. Lol Fearon.

B. **2014/2015 Budget Process** – Mr. Fearon reported that a CABE representative attended the BOE's January 13th special meeting to discuss budget priorities. Unfunded mandates such as common core and teacher evaluation have impacted district budgets. He and Mrs. Ciurylo are establishing budget consistency with the Town. On February 3rd, he will present the 2014/15 budget to the Board of Education and after that there will be budget subcommittee meetings each Monday until March 3rd when the BOE will approve the budget.

6. **Fiscal Department** - Mrs. Ciurylo reported the audit was clean and there are no audit points. She is compiling budget numbers. Mr. Luiz commends Mrs. Ciurylo and the Finance Department for a good job on the audit that was just done. He also stated that WINCOG has sung finance department praises.

7. Audience

Jeff Viens came to this meeting to observe and is planning on attending Fiscal Policy meetings more frequently. Lisa Napolitano will be backing up newly-appointed BOE Chairperson, Kerry Hoffman with meeting attendance.

8. Adjournment

E. Sharpe **MOVED** and J. Luiz **SECONDED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

MOTION CARRIES: 6-0

The next meeting will be February 12, 2014 @ 8:45 a.m. in the Horace W. Porter School Conference Room.