



TOWN OF COLUMBIA
Fiscal Policy Board
April 9, 2014
Horace W. Porter School Conference Room
8:45 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Kerry Hoffman-Board of Education Chairperson

Others Present: Judy Ortiz-FiPAC Member

- **Call to Order**

Mrs. Ciurylo called the April 9, 2014 Fiscal Policy Board meeting to order at 8:46 a.m.

- **Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2014**

J. Luiz **MOVED** and E. Sharpe **SECONDED** to approve the March 12, 2014 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0-1

B. Ciurylo, J. Luiz, E. Sharpe, L. Fearon VOTED FOR THE MOTION
C. Vance ABSTAINED

- **Correspondence** – the Superintendent handed out MBR Legislation information.

- **Old Business**

- A. **School Security Project Update**

Mr. Sylvester has created a 40-item punch list that is being worked on. Once the punch list items are completed, final payment will be made to the contractors. A grant request for \$198,000 will be submitted to the State. Reimbursement should come to the Town within 30-45 days after approval.

- B. **2014/2015 Budget Update & Schedule: Upcoming Public Hearing & Annual Meeting**

A mailer will be sent to Columbia citizens informing them of the dates and times of the upcoming budget related meetings:

- April 23 - Public Budget Hearing, 7:00 p.m. - Horace W. Porter School Cafetorium
 - May 13 - Annual Town Budget Meeting, 7:00 p.m. - Horace W. Porter School Cafetorium

Mr. Luiz reported 2014/15 insurance prices will not be available until at least the 4th week of April and fuel prices came in less than expected.

- C. **School Roof Replacement Project Update**

On March 31st ten bids were opened. The Building Committee has selected New Britain Roofing Company. Their bid came in at \$1,727,000. The project will begin on June 16th and be completed within 60 days (August 22, 2014). The second lowest bidder promised to complete the job within 30 days. Mr. Luiz will contact the Town Attorney for legal counsel and a decision will be made promptly. The State will reimburse the Town 95% of eligible expenses; approximately \$650,000.

- **New Business**

- A. **2013/2014 Budget Update**

Members discussed:

- 2013/14 updated expenses
- Board of Education is not running a deficit and a slight surplus is predicted
- One-time spending
- State security reimbursement money and if these funds should be returned to the general fund
- Auditor recommendations

- B. **Open Budget Items: Fuel Costs, Health Insurance**

Mr. Luiz reported that fuel prices have been locked in. He is waiting for health insurance prices. Members discussed possible insurance savings impacting the 2014/15 budget, insurance price is based on experience pool, coverage comparison, high deductible health plans.

- **Fiscal Department**

- **Audience**

- **Adjournment**

E. Sharpe **MOVED** and J. Luiz **SECONDED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

The next meeting will be May 14, 2014 @ 8:45 a.m. in the Horace W. Porter School Conference Room.