

Swampscott Finance Committee
May 15, 2018

Attending: Mary Ellen Fletcher, William Jones, Jill Sullivan, Gail Rosenberg, Cinder McNerney, Tim Dorsey, Joan Hilario, Polly Titcomb

Not attending: Marzie Galazka (Chair),

Also attending; Ron Mendes (ATA), Pam Angelakis (Superintendent of Schools), Sean Fitzgerald (TA), Peter Spellios (BOS), Suzanne Wright (School Committee), Michael McClung (Moderator)

Ms. Angelakis explained the FAQ document regarding Article 15, the \$750,000 feasibility study for the new schools. Ms. Angelakis spoke to the concern that the \$450,000 we paid before is totally sunk cost. In other words, can we reutilize some of the research that was done last time. Suzanne Wright explained a number of scenarios that may come up during the feasibility study. Mr. Spellios remarked that it might not be the best idea to rely on a study that was the basis of an ultimately failed vote. Ms. Rosenberg wanted to know if the School Department did outreach to find out why the original plan failed. Ms. Angelakis and Ms. Wright said that they had. Both the site and the consolidation plan were issues. Ms. Wright believes that most people understand that a new school is necessary – the point is to do a better job vetting possibilities so that the town can get on board behind one choice.

Mr. Spellios indicated that he hopes the presentation at Town Meeting will be largely BOS and Finance Committee – because this is a financial decision. The \$750,000 makes sense within the schools that have been built since 2014 in an MSBA process.

A discussion was held regarding a variety of issues brought up on the FAQ sheet sent to the Finance Committee earlier today.

Motion to approve article 15: Sullivan/Rosenberg 8-0.

The Finance Committee elected Ms. Galazka to speak to Article 5. We will vote on Monday night on Article 5.

Mr. Mendes submitted a list of bills from prior years that need to be taken care of in Article 6. Motion to approve Article 6 in the amount of \$21,413.01.
McNerney/Hilario 8-0.

Mr. Fitzgerald indicated that one Stanley School and one Hadley School boilers to work, but still supports the inclusion of the article for Stanley School HVAC. Motion to change the wording of #21 to Elementary School HVAC: Rosenberg/Hilario 8-0.

Motion to adjourn : Fletcher/Hilario 8-0.

