

Finance Committee Meeting
February 20, 2013
Mohawk Regional High School
Superintendents Conference Room

M, S, V w/ changes noted
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3/5/13

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm

Students: Would prefer to have French class chopped, not ~~Peer~~^e Leadership.
Values beneficial starting in middle school and continuing through high school.

Female taxpayer: questions of budget cuts

Student: bullying and ~~Peer~~^e Leadership and French class importance

Students: letter from school counselor at Colrain and BSE stating the importance of ~~Peer~~^e Leadership class.

Superintendent: budget proposal and discussion

Discuss regional agreement

Discuss decrease in enrollment numbers district wide

Meeting moved to Library with Select Board at 9:05 pm.

Present: Ron Coler, Paulette Leukhardt, Mary Fitz-Gibbon, Ted Murray, Janet Rogers, David Newell, Emily Robertson, Bev LaBelle

Discussion of school budget increased responsibility to Ashfield.

Assessed valuation of town and levels of income determines each town's percent of contribution.

One option is to take from Excess and Deficiency Fund (EXD) and [§] reduce town assessments.

Short term goal - manage budget internally by requesting level funding for FY14 budget

Long term goal - possibly change district agreement (~~EM~~^MMAC rejuv^eination)

David Newell will work with Mary F-G on Tech School Agreement

Motion: FinCom request school committee reps to see if any additional revenues could be obtained to reduce the assessments to the towns.

Seconded and unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rogers