

*Town of Ashfield - Select Board*

*Meeting Minutes*

*February 20, 2013*

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The Select Board meeting was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Poullette Leukhardt during a school committee meeting.

**Mohawk Trail Regional School District Public Hearing (7:20 –9 p.m.)**

Select Board – Poullette Leukhardt, Ron Coler Executive Administrator – Mary Fitz-Gibbon

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**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to recess the meeting to continue in the Mohawk Library

**VOTE: Unanimous**

**Ashfield Select Board and Finance Committee Joint Meeting – 9:07-10:10 p.m.**

Following the school committee meeting in the Superintendent Conference Room, the Select Board and Finance Committee met jointly in the school library.

Select Board: Poullette Leukhardt, Ron Coler Executive Administrator – Mary Fitz-Gibbon

Finance Committee Members: Ted Murray- Chair, Janet Rodgers and David Newell

Audience Members: Emily Robertson, - School Committee, Beverly LaBelle - Citizen

Discussion ensued on the MTRSD FY14 budget including the projected increase of \$100,000 over last year. Discussion of the Town Free Cash and Stabilization accounts, the MTRSD Regional Agreement, possibility of a 2 ½ override, MTRSD E&D and Revolving funds, possible cut of 1% from all budgets. Discussion also on the two Vocational Schools and tuitions, review of what was learned last year when investigating what would be involved in joining the Franklin County Technical School District. Emily Robertson stated that the budget subcommittee had already voted to recommend the budget to the full school committee. Budget will be voted by the school committee on February 27, 2013 and that she anticipated the budget would pass.

**Finance Committee Motion:** A motion was made and seconded that the Finance Committee request school committee representatives consult with school administration to see if any additional revenues could be obtained from the school districts E&D account to reduce the assessment to the towns. **VOTE: Unanimous**

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

**Document List**

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