

**Advisory Committee Education Subcommittee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
2/23/2016**

Advisory Committee Education Subcommittee members in attendance: Committee Members Coughlin, Kutsch, Smallwood, and Taylor.

School Committee members & School administrators in the audience: Committee Members Falvey, Galko, O'Reilly, Schreier, and Shafter; Administrators Ferris and Galo.

Chair Kutsch called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

Subcommittee members approved minutes for the February 2, February 9, and February 18, 2016 meetings on unanimous votes.

**Deliberate School budget**

Additional refinements to the Town's forecast continue showing a significant deficit at this point in the budget process. The Subcommittee will make its School department budget recommendation to the Advisory Committee tonight, with the Advisory Committee scheduled to vote all budgets February 25.

Subcommittee members reviewed an ACES spreadsheet projecting current trends in the School's base budget into the future, with the FY 17 figures updated to reflect the School Department's revised budget proposal from the February 22 School Committee meeting.

Subcommittee members approved a motion to recommend a School Department FY 17 budget of \$47,613,721 to the Advisory Committee on 3-0 vote with one Subcommittee member out of the room. As a courtesy to that member, the Subcommittee subsequently reopened and re-voted the motion. At that time, it passed on a 4-0 vote. This budget recommendation represents a \$2,200,000 increase (4.85%) over the FY 16 budget.

**Adjournment** -The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Smallwood  
ACES Secretary

Approved 3.8.2016