

**Advisory Committee Education Subcommittee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Joint Meeting with School Committee
2/7/2017**

Advisory Committee Education Subcommittee (“ACES”) members in attendance: Members Anderson, Coughlin, Kutsch, and Smallwood.

School Committee members and School Administrators in attendance: School Committee Members Calnan, Galko, O’Reilly, Praschma, and Schreier; Superintendent Galo.

ACES Chair Kutsch called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

Minutes

ACES members unanimously approved minutes from the joint ACES/School Committee meeting of 1/21/2017.

Organization and begin deliberation

Member Smallwood agreed to serve as ACES Secretary.

This was a joint meeting held with the School Committee to continue discussion of the School Administration’s FY 18 operating budget proposal. After corrections, personnel changes, and applications of additional revenue resulting in reductions of \$183,777, the current budget request stands at \$50,095,784, a \$2,482,060 increase over FY 2017 (5.2%). Hingham’s current Five Year Forecast, including the Selectmen-approved operating budget for municipal departments without the Town Administrator’s recommended additions, shows a \$1.1 million shortfall. ACES’ charge is to recommend a School budget which balances School and Town needs within available revenue.

School budget increases averaging 4.8% over the past ten years, coupled with constrained revenue, result in significant projected budget gaps in future years. Participants discussed budget components, potential refinements to budget forecasting and projections, and personnel costs. Superintendent Galo suggested revisiting the Town’s allocation of revenue between addressing current and future needs.

The School Committee conducts its budget hearing 2/13/2017. ACES will next meet 2/14/2017.

Adjournment

ACES members voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Smallwood
Advisory Committee Education Subcommittee

Approved by Advisory Committee Education Subcommittee 3/7/2017