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TRI-BOARD BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013

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**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Salafia called the Triboard Budget Subcommittee Meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. in the Selectmen's Conference Room in the Town Offices.

Attendees:

Board of Selectmen: Paul Salafia, Brian Major

School Committee: Paula Colby-Clements, Annie Gilbert

Triboard: S. Jon Stumpf, Joanne Marden, Linn Anderson, Jeannie Moffitt, Paul Fortier

Others: Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, Superintendent Marinel McGrath, Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo, and Director of Finance Donna Walsh

**II. FY-2014 Budget Discussion**

The School Budget recommended by the Town Manager is \$68,634,031 and the School Department is requesting \$70,278,272 which includes moderate funding for the Strategic Plan. The gap not including the strategic plan is approximately \$768,000 and \$1.6 with strategic plan funding.

Paula Colby-Clements reported that based on a review of certain areas within the budget it looks like there could be a surplus in the FY-2013 School Committee Budget. They are still screening the budget in search of areas to adjust and looking more closely at assumptions to see if any revisions could be made (contact assumptions, circuit breaker assumptions, etc) but they won't have this information available until the end of the week. The School Department needs to untangle the surplus and determine what constitutes sustainable change or what could be a one-time cost. Savings from advancement in the Teachers Contract relative to track changes and staff development courses was discussed.

Work sessions and Executive Sessions will be scheduled by the Boards to discuss and set some goals and objectives and decide what is attainable and what is not to arrive at a direction to move forward. The attendees discussed Chapter 70 funds, the House 1 budget, and concern that the Governor's budget, which is tied to tax increases, making it difficult to measure what the budget will be.

The School related CIP Warrant Articles will be voted on by the School Committee on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent McGrath will meet with the Town Manager to discuss the Feasibility Study and the DMS Site Improvements, and other items to be bonded and will share the results of the discussion with the School Committee. There are some urgent items in the CIP that will cost more than \$500,000 and safety related which could cause bigger problems later on if not taken care of this year.

The warrant article for the AHS Tennis Court Renovation project addresses the extensive work required. MIAA is ready to shut the courts down if they are not repaired. How to address funding the request and the \$40K donation from the Friends of Tennis was discussed. They also talked about the warrant article for the DMS Site Improvement and the Special Town Meeting to be held within the Town Meeting for the proposal to address the needs of the Senior Center and Phase II of the Youth Center Building Project.

A budget sub-committee meeting will be scheduled on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M.

**III. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo, Recorder