



Billerica Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Billerica Town Hall
Room 210
7:00 PM
April 16, 2019

Finance Committee Members:

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| David Gagliardi, Chair (7:30p) | Douglas Meagher, Vice Chair | Mary McBride, Sec |
| Donald Damon | Douglas Fogerty | Cheri Gargalianos |
| Patrick Logue (8:34p) | Rino Moriconi | John Mulloy |
| Philip Newfell | Anthony Ventresa | |
| John Kleschinsky, 1st Associate | Scott Morris, 2 nd Associate | |

Town Accountant Paul Watson, Ex-Officio

Bee Magliozzi, Recording Clerk

ATTENDANCE:

11 (Logue arrived 8:34p) Committee Members Present, 2 Excused (Morris, Mulloy), 0 Absent.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Vice Chair Meagher called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

The Chair led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

MEETING AUDIO RECORDING:

The Vice Chair informed the Committee that member Ventresca would be audio recording the meeting.

BUDGETS:

Shawsheen Valley Technical High School

Melanie Hagman, Interim Superintendent/Director and Vocational Technical Director David Norkiewicz presented the FY20 Shawsheen Valley Technical High School Budget to the Finance Committee.

Billerica along with Bedford, Burlington, Tewksbury and Wilmington is a one of the five local communities that SVTHS services.

Enrollment at SVTHS is declining as the population is declining in serviced communities. The school accepts approximately 350 new students annually.

The Commonwealth requires two School Nurses and 1 Licensed Practical Nurse which is reflected in the FY20 Budget.

A new Engineering program will be part of the school's curriculum in the fall. It will incorporate electronics and robotics with engineering, becoming one integrated program.

Both the cafeteria and auditorium have been too small for the school's student population for many years. These issues will be addressed in the near future. The building is now fifty years old.

SVTHS now has an elective which teaches students entrepreneurship. It gives the fundamentals of small business ownership.

The school now has a food truck which is the first at any vocational school in Massachusetts. The truck was purchased with Grant funds. The Rams Food Truck is available to local communities for functions.

Billerica's Town Assessment has been reduced.

** Please see Attachments

Attachment 'A'



Shawsheen
Tech-FY20 SVTHS Ass

Attachment 'B'



Shawsheen
Tech-FY20 SVTHS Ap

Attachment 'C'



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Tech-FY20 SVTHS Ap

A motion to recommend the Shawsheen Valley Technical High School Budget of \$ 10,256,850 was moved by Gargalianos and seconded by Moriconi.

The vote was 8 – 1 (Ventresca) – 1 (Gagliardi).

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

The March 19, 2019 Minutes were reviewed and voted upon.

A motion to accept the Minutes of March 19, 2019 was moved by Meagher and seconded by Moriconi.

The vote was 9 – 1 (Ventresca) – 0.

The March 26, 2019 Minutes were reviewed and voted upon.

A motion to accept the Minutes of March 26, 2019 as Amended was moved by Meagher and seconded by Moriconi.

The vote was 9 – 0 – 1 (Ventresca).

The April 2, 2019 Minutes were reviewed and voted upon.

A motion to accept the Minutes of April 2, 2019 as Amended was moved by Meagher and seconded by Moriconi.

The vote was 9 – 0 – 1 (Fogerty).

The April 9, 2019 Minutes were reviewed and voted upon.

A motion to accept the Minutes of April 9, 2019 as Amended was moved by Meagher and seconded by Moriconi.

The vote was 9 – 0 – 1 (McBride).

LIASION REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

High School Building Committee liaison Gagliardi returned from the meeting and reported that there was a lengthy discussion regarding the correct proprietary security system and monitoring cameras being placed in the school. The contractor did not receive the correct information about the proprietary system and substituted a different system. A few cameras were installed but will need to be removed. The correction is being made at an additional cost of \$250,000. The correct system will be directly linked to the Police and Fire Departments.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Gagliardi noted that the Finance Committee Policies and Procedures make no mention of a 7 day window for members to have documentation on issues being discussed on a given agenda. The policy states that the Chair will make every effort to forward all information to the Members as soon as it is possible.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting to be held on April 23, 2019 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Meagher and seconded by McBride.

The vote was 10 – 0 - 0.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted
Bee Magliozzi, Recording Clerk