

TRURO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
February 13, 2017 5:15 PM
Truro Central School Media Center
AGENDA

Chair - Terri Humes
Vice Chair - Michelle Jarusiewicz
Tim Dickey
Drew Locke
Secretary - Rebecca Townsend

Superintendent- Mike Gradone
Principal - Bob Beaudet
Director Special Ed.-Stephanie Costigan
Recorder-Kathleen Rosenkampff

- 1. Call to Order:**
- 2. Continuation of FY 18 Public Hearing (vote on FY18 budget anticipated)**

We do not have a confirmed placement for our student who will be in a residential program next year, so I have not made the specific adjustments that will be necessary once the placement is official. Instead, I have adjusted the budget Summary to be consistent with the outcome Terri Humes and I presented to the Town's Budget Task Force. That is, we have added \$200,000 to the bottom line, and put that amount in the appropriate Special Education tuition account.

That amount is based on a tuition that may approach \$280,000, and transportation back to Truro (weekends) at \$7,000. That increase will be offset by the elimination of the payment for the student's current program (which will be almost \$52,000); reduced daily Special Ed transportation (we are awaiting a figure from the Collaborative); and a recalculation of the cost of another Special Education placement, which we expect will save \$9,300. If the total of these does not offset the cost of the new placement that exceeds \$200,000, I will recommend additional budget adjustments.

Therefore, my recommendation is that the Committee adopt the FY18 budget at \$5,445,422.58. That is an increase of 3.8% over the current year. A revised Summary is enclosed.

To balance the Town's overall budget for FY18, Town Hall has asked that the School Committee adjust its Capital Improvement Plan, deferring both the replacement of carpet (\$20,000) and the exterior painting planned for next year (\$40,000). Carpet replacement would be done between FYs 19 and 22 (instead of 18-21), and the exterior painting put off one year (bumping FY19 to FY20). Please see the attached revised CIP.

I endorse and recommend this revision. If the Town needs another \$60,000 to balance next year's budget, this simply defers maintenance in ways we can cover with improved attention to cleaning and paint touch-up. The alternative, cutting the operating budget, would affect our program, and carry that impact forward for years to come. I appreciate the Town's flexibility.

At the conclusion of this budget review, the Committee can adjourn the Public Hearing.

- 3. Approval of Minutes: January 10, 2017, January 31, 2017**

- 4. Dates to Remember:**

Feb. 20 - Feb. 24 Winter Break
March 14 - TSC meeting
March 14 - Warrant closes
March 21 - Nomination papers due
March 24 - Farm to School Fundraiser Dinner

5. Administrators' Reports:

5.1 Superintendent/Mike Gradone - the report will include the 17-18 calendar (no vote is requested); discussion of preschool, with former Sen. Dan Wolf, and with our legislative delegation; The Collaborative-sponsored Legislative Breakfast; School Building Assistance; our Gosnold counseling program; after-school child care in town; the CrisisGo school security app; and our Feb. 10 professional development.

5.2 Principal/Bob Beaudet

5.3 Director Special Ed/Stephanie Costigan

6. Visitor/Faculty Statements:

7. Subcommittees:

8. Unfinished Business:

9. New Business:

10. Other:

11. Executive Session: None is expected

12. Adjournment:

Town Clerk

Posted: February 8, 2017

The matters listed above are those reasonably anticipated by the chair that may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

