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MEETING: 4:00 PM Wednesday March 20th, 2019

FREETOWN TOWN HALL, Assessors Office

3 NORTH MAIN STREET, ASSONET, MA 02702

Call to order 4:02 PM

Present: George Grunwald, Gary Martin, Carol Woldorf, Robert Alderson and Craig Rosen

Also present: David DeManche, Richard Medeiros and Ashley Lopes

Not present: Kent Wilkins, George Martin

| Topic | Discussion | Conclusion/Action | Vote |
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| Budget discussions | <p>Richard and Ashley answered the Finance Committee's questions on the regional school district budget for FY20.</p> <p>The term on line item labeled "unfunded mandates" was clarified as requirements such as special education state requirements, English learner mandates and regional transportation. The state does not give</p> | | N/A |

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| | <p>specific funding for these programs.</p> <p>Per pupil expenditure = \$12,500.00, the RADAR report online states our school district PP is low compared to surrounding towns. FreeLake is in the bottom 50% of the state</p> <p>The FLRSD budget has no OPEB(Other Post Employee Benefits) funding to date. If we create an OPEB it is an additional assessment for the town.</p> <p>Student transportation – this goes out to bid for a three year contract, with two additional years before going out to bid again.</p> <p>The FreeLake school district has the space to take “school choice” children, \$5000.00 comes from the state with school choice students.</p> <p>“Before and After Care” programs are funded separately by the student’s families, and makes money for the school system.</p> | | |
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| | <p>Preschool is tuition based.</p> <p>Food service threshold is a state criteria for free and reduced lunches, ~20% of our students qualify.</p> | | |
| Review/Approve minutes of previous meetings | Moved to next meeting. | | |
| New business | N/A | | |

Motion to adjourn meeting by Robert, Gary seconds, all in favor, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned: 5:57 PM.

This is a true record by me.

Attest: Aleesha Freire

List of documents/exhibits used in this meeting, pursuant to M.G.L.c. 30A, §22(a).

- Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District FY20 Budget dated February 6th, 2019