

Selectmen's Meeting / School Committee Meeting  
April 10, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen and School Committee was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in Estabrook Hall. Chairman Krieger, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Manz, Mr. Valente, Town Manager; Ms. Chabot, Assistant to the Executive Clerk; members of the School Committee, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Griffiths, and Ms. Coppe were present.

Disposition of Additional FY08 State Aid

Mr. Valente explained that there are two options for using the additional state aid:

1. Set aside some portion for Special Education (SPED) and give the rest to the Schools to lower the override.
2. Give the entire \$640,000 to the Schools to use in their budgeting process.

Mr. Diaz supports the second option. He said that SPED run-ups have forced a lot of programs onto the at risk list. Mrs. Krieger also supports the second option, given the unusual circumstance and size of the deficit. Mr. Cohen and Mr. Manz support the first option.

Override Date / Date to Call for an Override

Mrs. Kriger suggests that we put the Questions out on April 30<sup>th</sup>, which would allow an override on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>.

FY07 School Budget Shortfall

Mr. Diaz reported that Mary Ellen Dunn, Assistant Superintendent, should have the amount of the shortfall in a day or so. The number should be in line with what was presented on April 4<sup>th</sup> (\$576,538). The unpaid bill figure is \$50,000+. Mr. Valente said that two options to cover some of the shortfall are the Appropriation Committee reserve fund (\$100,00), and free cash (\$200,000). Mr. Diaz pointed out that a third option to help cover the shortfall could be the preventative maintenance account.

Executive Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call 3-0 to go into executive session at 4:55 p.m. for the purpose of collective bargaining with no intent to return to open session.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 4:55 p.m.

A true record; Attest:

Diana B. Chabot  
Assistant to the Executive Clerk