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Warrant Committee
Education Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday April 22, 2015 6 pm

Present: Sarno, Gammill, Grob, Helgen

Chair Sarno called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

The purpose of the meeting was for the subcommittee to consider Article 2 from the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for May 6, 2015. Article 2 appropriates \$250,000 from the Special Education Stabilization Fund to the School General Fund to cover the cost of state and federally mandated Special Education services incurred in excess of the School Department budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

Chair Sarno led the discussion with reference to a table comparing the end of year projected balances made at the end of the second and third quarters, noting the differences in the two sets of projections.

The subcommittee noted that the current projected end of year deficit for the entire school department budget is \$535,000, and that the subcommittee should be ready in case there is a request for additional funds, most likely from this year's reserve fund.

Chair Sarno reviewed the criteria used in the past for evaluating such requests: (1) was the expense unbudgeted? (2) was the expenses unanticipated? and (3) is there no other recourse to fund it?

Following discussion, it was moved and voted unanimously (4-0) to recommend to the full Warrant Committee that the Warrant Committee recommend favorable action on this item to the Special Town Meeting.

The subcommittee then unanimously (4-0) approved the minutes of its February 4, 2015 meeting.

Chair Sarno adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.