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Warrant Committee
Education Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday May 26, 2015 6 pm

Present: Sarno, Gammill, Helgen, Manjikian

Chair Sarno called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the request from the School Department for a Warrant Committee Reserve Fund transfer of \$285,000 to the School Department to fund the FY 2015 projected deficit.

The committee members reviewed the information provided by the Department in response to the subcommittee's questions.

The subcommittee members comments revealed a difference of opinion about whether the projected deficit in several Special Education accounts should have been predicted by the Department last spring when finalizing its budget. Those members who regarded the projected deficit as predictable noted that the FY 2015 budget for these line items was set significantly less than the FY 2014 spending in those accounts projected by the spring of 2014.

Chair Sarno polled the members present regarding whether or not the subcommittee should recommend approval of the Reserve Fund transfer request. The four members present were evenly split, two in favor and two opposed. Chair Sarno said he would report to the full Warrant Committee and encouraged each subcommittee member to comment on the request at the next Warrant Committee meeting.

The subcommittee approved the minutes of its April 22, 2015 meeting with a vote of 3-0, with one abstention.

Chair Sarno adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.