Budget Subcommittee Minutes, 11/16/2017

The Budget Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 7:39 am, Thursday, November 16, 2017.

Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent, John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent and subcommittee members Melissa McMorrow, Wally Johnston and Robert Grom were present. Also attending were June Rzepczynski, Dean Banfield and John Hickling from the Concord Finance Committee and resident Peggy Wargelin.

Minutes from 9/7, 9/13, 10/5/2017 were approved.

John Hickling informed us about the research he did concerning transportation costs. They vary based on various factors, which make it difficult to determine appropriate comparisons. The amount of fees differs between districts, as do land area services, the level of transportation services, outsourcing or ownership of buses.

June Rzepczynski informed us about research concerning Special Education and teacher contracts. Data from Acton-Boxboro was discussed concerning new teacher salary, highest salary, teacher retention, teacher age groups, workdays in contract and vacation and sick day accruals. More information concerning other districts will be provided in future meetings.

Robert Grom will do some research concerning technology costs in comparable districts for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Grom