

Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
Budget Subcommittee
Minutes of November 14, 2018
12:00 PM

Present: Heather Bout, Christine Lear, Wally Johnston, Laurie Hunter, Jared Stanton, Ian Rhames

1. **Call to Order** - Heather Bout called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and noted the meeting is being recorded.
2. **Approval of minutes** – 11/8/18– The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. **FY20 Budget Creation Update** – Heather thanked Jared for an amazing presentation of the budget to the School Committee the night before. Heather felt that looking at the two budgets there are things that need to be discussed at the region and make decisions. For today Heather would like to touch on CPS first and then look at the questions that are part of the region. Wally brought up the two things that are happening that are changing numbers and have an effect long term is the way we are handling SPED and the changes we are making there. The other is the transition costs at the middle school on grade 6, 7, and 8 and what effect is that having on the FY20 budget and might have over the next 2 to 3 years. Wally also mentioned the expenses involved in maintaining the middle school buildings. At the region Wally indicated we have SPED, laptops, E & D, OPEB.

There was a discussion around the leasing or purchasing the laptops. Jared mentioned that since we are doing the zero based budget this year we get the one-time savings. It will be unrealistic that we find as much internal savings as we have this year. It would make sense to take the hit this year and purchase the laptops. The Budget Subcommittee can make a recommendation to purchase and bring it to the full School Committee. The longer we wait to go to all purchasing, the bigger the bump is that we have to deal with to get over the overlap and second the fact that this year is the year we have savings from going to the zero based budgeting and have the room to potentially deal with the bump.

There was also a brief discussion on the leasing of buses and the funding of the maintenance at the high school.

4. **FY19 Budget Status Update** – Jared said FY19 is status quo right now.
5. **Public Comment** – Dean Banfield requested on behalf of the Fincom to make available the presentation on the school budgets presented at the School Committee meeting last night. The other thing that would be helpful to the Fincom on the various tradeoffs between OPEB, E&D and laptop leasing what percentages these things would change the budget.
Bob Grom had a comment from a resident regarding BANS being done every year. Doesn't it put us in a risk situation when short term interest rates go up, then that's not the preferred way to proceed. At some point this is an issue that needs to be discussed.

The next meeting of the Budget Subcommittee will be December 6th at 8:30 AM.

6. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

Approved: 12/19/18