

MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
FINANCIAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Feb. 2, 2022

Members Present:

Maureen Ward, Chair Brian Walker
Bill Brassard Barbara Reynolds
John Columbus

Administration:

Dr. Sheila Harrity
Tammy Crockett, BA

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, S.18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing a strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District Financial Planning Subcommittee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen or watch the meeting may do so by accessing the meeting through Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91765131047?pwd=cjJmeXpQWHpZYkxxT1JLei90emQzZz09> No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real-time, via technological means. The website was reviewed and the meeting posting links did work to connect to the online meeting.

MOTION by Bill Brassard to approve the minutes of Sept. 1, 2021. Seconded by Brian Walker.
Passed 5 -0

Ms Crockett reviewed a rough draft of the FY 23 budget. Chapter 70 increased 8.8 % but it also established nightery foundation budget rates in 5 areas: Benefits and fixed charges, Guidance and psychological services, Special education out-of-district tuition, English learners and Low-income students. Transportation is still an unknown.

Net School spending is up nearly 2 million, therefore budget is also up. \$19,043 per pupil for FY23. To date the foundation budget sits at \$27,936,176.

Ms. Crockett discussed the need to create an OPEB account. Some members thought this had already been done. Ms. Crockett to check on it.

Dr. Harrity spoke about using COVID funds to give ALL faculty and staff a \$1,000 bonus as a thank you in recognition of their service and dedication during the past two years. This will be presented at the full committee with unanimous support from the Finance Subcommittee.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 23, 2022 at 6 pm via ZOOM to discuss and vote on final proposed budget for FY23.

MOTION by Brian Walker to adjourn at 6:58. Seconded by Bill Brassard. **Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Moe Ward, Chair