MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2018
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY19
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The Acushnet School Committee met in the John Tavares Library on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. for a public hearing on the FY19 school department budget. Members present were Mr. Sumner, Mr. DeTerra, Mrs. Gomes, Mrs. Downing, and Mrs. Tavares. Mr. Shea, Mrs. Flynn, and Mr. Oliver were in attendance as well as others.

Mrs. Gomes opened the budget hearing, turning it over to Mrs. Flynn. Mrs. Flynn reviewed the budget process and timeline. The budget was presented to the committee in the amount of $14,207,094, a 2.49% increase over last year's budget, maintains level services, and there were no new positions added. Mrs. Flynn reviewed the budget components which included salaries, tuition, instruction, facilities, and district administration. The budget hearing closed at 5:58 p.m.

ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MARCH 20, 2018

The Acushnet School Committee met in the John Tavares Library on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 5:58 p.m. immediately following the open hearing on the FY19 school department budget. Members present were Mrs. Gomes, Mr. DeTerra, Mrs. Tavares and Mrs. Downing. Mr. Shea, Mrs. Flynn, and Mr. Oliver were also in attendance as well as others.

1. Call to Order.

2. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of minutes and payroll and warrants.

a. A motion was made by Mr. Sumner and seconded by Mrs. Tavares to approve the minutes of February 27, 2018 The committee approved unanimously.

b. A motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mr. Sumner to approve the minutes of February 26th, February 28th, and March 1st, 2018. The committee approved unanimously.

c. A motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mr. Sumner to approve the minutes of March 8, 2018. The committee approved unanimously.

d. A motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mr. Sumner\to approve all payrolls and warrants. The committee approved unanimously.

4. Delegation: None

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business:

a. Sixth Grade Update, Mr. Cote: Mr. Cote, sixth grade science teacher, updated the committee on all the educational activities happening in the sixth grade. Discussion ensued.

b. Boy Scouts, Mr. Cote: Mr. Cote gave a slide presentation of the local boy scouts and cub scouts, noting many of the community activities they are involved in. Mr. Cote also stressed the need to keep the scouts in the community and the need to keep the scout groups growing. Discussion ensued

c. Policy and Evaluation Subcommittee, Mr. Shea: Mr. Shea brought policy IGBI-Preschool to the committee to discuss amending the policy. This will be brought back at the next meeting for approval and vote.

d. Personnel Matters, Mr. Shea: Mr. Shea informed the committee that Mrs. Susan Vieira had resigned her position as the K-2 resource room teacher at the elementary school. This position has been posted and is being advertised.

e. SPED Stabilization Fund, Mrs. Flynn. Mrs. Flynn informed the committee that Mr. Noble and the Board of Selectmen are requesting the Committee's approval to establish a Special Education Stabilization fund which would enable municipal school districts to establish a reserve fund that can be used in future years for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs of special education, out of district tuition, and/or transportation. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mr. Sumner to approve the establishment of the fund. The committee approved unanimously.

f. FY19 School Calendar, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea presented the recommended FY19 school calendar to the committee for review and discussion. Mr. Shea suggested that Dr. Bailey review the calendar when she comes on board, and if there are any changes, specifically to professional development days, the calendar would be brought back to the committee for review. It was also suggested that the calendar not be distributed until fully approved by the new superintendent. A motion was made by Mr. Sumner and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve the calendar with start dates and holidays as shown, but final approval will be done after review by Dr. Bailey. The committee approved unanimously.

7. Business by Members and Administration: Mrs. Flynn publicly thanked Mr. Oliver for his availability at a town meeting tonight, which neither she, or Mr. Shea could attend. Mrs. Gomes updated the committee on the status of hiring the new superintendent.

8. Communication and Information: As noted in packet.

9. Executive Session:

10. Adjourn: The next regular meeting will be held in the John Tavares Library at the Ford Middle School on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. A motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mr. Sumner to adjourn the meeting .Vote was unanimous by roll call.

Mr. Sumner	Yes
Mr. DeTerra	Yes
Mrs. Gomes	Yes
Mrs. Tavares	Yes
Mrs. Downing	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Mary E. Carter, Secretary

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Jennifer Downing 4/24/18

Signature Date