

ALG Minutes

March 9, 2009

Present: Paulina Knibbe, Lauren Rosenzweig, BoS; Jon Chinitz, Heather Harer, SC; Steve Noone, Herman Kabakoff, FC; Bill Ryan, Steve Ledoux, John Murray & Marie Altieri, staff. Absent: Bart Wendell.

Audience: Steve Barrett, Dore Hunter, Mary Ann Ashton, Bob Hertz, and Clint Seward

Finance Committee Chair, Steve Noone took over the duties of facilitator.

1. Minutes: approval was postponed until the corrections from Bill Ryan could be added.

2. FY 10 Town/school/state budget revenue update S. Ledoux & B. Ryan

Bill: the SC revolted the budgets: APS reduction \$82,300 -3.1%; AB reduction \$200k 1.9%. That's the final number. The reductions came from the savings in health care, IPEA and expected federal stimulus. The Minuteman numbers are still ok as they appear on the plan but that region is waiting for their state aid numbers

Steve L: The BoS voted the numbers that reflected the changes suggested by the FC. He will meet with the FC on Tuesday in executive session to discuss the health insurance trust

Discussion: the time Steve Noone had to complete his FC address before the warrant went to the printer. Steve said that the plan would have different percentage increases to see the impacts.

There was a strong feeling that the boards had previously agreed to the 3% increase and need not add the others for the warrant.

3. Multi year plan—general discussion

There was concern about the publishing the FY 12 numbers given the great uncertainty about the economy.

Jon noted that the three boards needed to take a stand on what would be included in the ALG plan
John M. Asked if the schools could continue to live with 1.5% less for the next years.

Bill said that he had difficulty in getting the budgets down to the 3% increase---it will be good if the HIT continues to decrease, SPED increase at only 3% and the utilities at 5%. In 2011 the APS will have a section reduction & if the SBA money does not come there will be consideration of other section reductions

Lauren added that the FC could make the 3% budgets in their message in the warrant but there needed to be many caveats.

Marie suggested that the members go back to their boards to see if the 3% was a consensus.

Clint Seward said he thought the 3% was a good start and a reasonable cost reduction. He added that the costs savings list needed to be used to make further reductions.

Jon: that will mean a reduction in service

4 Timetable for review

Steve N. will send out his numbers and everyone will check them once again.

The motions will not have numbers because of possible last minute changes.

John M. Noted that putting the numbers in the motions can limit the scope of the articles

5. Other

There was no other

Adjourned at 8:10
Next meeting March 30th at 7:30 AM

Ann Chang