

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Steve Buckley, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct; Sue Newcomer, Carole Wheeler, John Koopmann, Judy Idelkope, and Rich Kalich.

Absent: Steve Laskowski, Charlie Perry, Marty Mahoney, School Board Representative, Jon McKeon, Selectboard Representative and Dan Cotter.

Bayard called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

1). Sue Newcomer moved to defer minutes to February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Rick and passed unanimously.

2). Sharyn D'Eon, Principal; Janel Swanson, Business Administrator of Towns; Nancy Deutsch, Human Resources and Ege Cordell, School Board Chairman were present.

A worksheet showing high school enrollment from 2007 to 2015 was presented. Enrollment has dropped by about 50 students in that time. High School Tuition last year was \$12,478 and \$12,504 this year. Special education tuition was \$26,858 last year and \$26,130 this year.

The Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed. Replacing the gymnasium roof was an unexpected project. There are currently significant leaks. The gymnasium roof is the original roof from 1987. Asbestos abatement in the floors is a project that is just beginning.

The AREA calculation was reviewed.

The projected 307,551 surplus at the end of 2015-2016 could be used up by High School Out of District Placements.

The Teachers Contract for 2015-2018 was reviewed. The impact on taxes for the contract in 2015-2016 is .11 cents per thousand. It adds \$10.63 on a \$100,000 home. The contract clarifies definitions for leave of absence, bereavement and personal days. Nancy stated that the contract adds lots of language beneficial to the School Board.

There are 16 classrooms with 5 One-on-ones and 12 Classroom Aides. There are 23 Special Ed students in the elementary school; 25 in the High School and 9 in Preschool. Nine Percent of the School has a 504 which is a coded medical disability. Twenty percent of the population has free or reduced lunch. The staff is ultimately driven by demographics.

Bayard presented a 2012 Equalized Valuation per Pupil. Chesterfield is \$1,077,031. Monadnock is \$617,496, Keene is \$668,620. The State Average is \$826,975.

Rick moved to adjourn at 8:50 PM. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary