

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
March 17, 2014, Monday**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman
Jane Hackett, Councilor
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Brian McDonald, Councilor

Not Present: Patrick O'Connor, Vice Chairman

Also Present: William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Garry Pelletier, Assistant Superintendent

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

14 008-Free Cash School Department Part 2

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on February 18, 2014. CFO McKinney presented the request and provided a list of items that the \$450,000 will cover. Assistant Superintendent Garry Pelletier reported that the current list includes reductions to the list drafted and submitted in December. Items from that list have been prioritized; some added and some removed. He reviewed the items, most to align with and support the new Common Core standards, ELA and math standards. It will also purchase computer equipment at the middle and high school levels and that were not included in the last replacement schedule. It also includes website support to the new town website, consumables, music program software and equipment, and enhancements to building security.

Councilor Hackett asked for a comparison of amounts expended on curriculum and professional development. She also asked about the new performance based assessments. Mr. Pelletier reviewed the pilot Common Core program and explained how Weymouth is prepared to meet the standards. Councilor Haugh asked how many communities are now aligned with the new standard and the approximate useful life of the materials to be purchased. Councilor Molisse asked if the school website is compatible with the new town one. The school technology personnel are collaborating with the information technology director. Auditor Swanson reported that he has reviewed the MUNIS records and verified the true balance of free cash.

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to forward item 14 008 Free Cash School Department Part 2 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action to accept the report and was seconded by Councilor Haugh. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Councilor Hackett to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Haugh. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Chairman Molisse

Voted unanimously on April 28, 2014.