

## **Finance Subcommittee Meeting**

Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.

Minuteman High School

Guidance Department Conference Room

### **Present:**

Carrie Flood, Dave Horton, Jim Gammill, Kevin Mahoney and Julia Pisegna

#### **1. Call to Order: Open Session**

Chair Carrie Flood called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m.

#### **2. Approval of Draft Minutes of October 30, 2018**

The following vote was taken on the draft minutes:

Moved (Gammill) and seconded (Horton)

To approve draft minutes of October 30, 2018, as amended,

**VOTE:** Unanimous

#### **3. Continued Discussion of Section X(B) of the Regional Agreement**

Referencing materials prepared by member Jim Gammill and distributed prior to the meeting, Ms. Flood solicited questions or comments. In response to those questions, Mr. Gammill explained that his alternate proposed calculation of average per pupil cost for in-district communities, as applied in Section X(B) of the Regional Agreement, was intended to account for comments received at previous meetings. In the ensuing discussion, it was generally agreed that this version of the calculation, while delivering similar results, was more direct, clearly valid, and easier to explain and justify to affected communities.

Discussion then moved on to the language of MGL Chapter 74, Section 7C. This section appears to allow the District to set tuition to be paid by the sending community for an out-of-district student, if that town does not maintain a vocational school, but would be subject to approval by the (DESE) commissioner under direction of the state board. Kevin Mahoney likened this to the former Commissioner's approval in concept—and in strictly limited context—of a capital fee to be charged to the sending community for out-of-district students. Notwithstanding conceptual approval, an actual amount to be charged will still be subject to specific approval.

Given the tight timeline, if this proposal were to be incorporated into FY20 budget planning, it was agreed that early feedback from contacts at DESE would be highly beneficial. After further discussion, Ms. Flood asked and Mr. Mahoney agreed to put the question relative to interpretation of MGL 74 Sec. 7C before appropriate contacts at DESE. Any response will be relayed to the Committee.

All present joined Ms. Flood in thanking Mr. Gammill for the considerable effort he has expended on this topic.

**4. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 6, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.**

The next meeting date was confirmed, as noted.

**5. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the following vote was taken:

Moved (Horton) and seconded (Gammill)

To adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

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Julia Pisegna, Recorder

Attachments

- A. Minutes of October 30, 2018
- B. Memo dated November 14<sup>th</sup> from Jim Gammill
- C. Memo and spreadsheet dated November 15<sup>th</sup> from Jim Gammill
- D. Memo and spreadsheet dated November 16<sup>th</sup> from Jim Gammill
- E. Chapter 74, Section 7C