

**Carver Board of Selectmen & School Committee Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2018 - 6:00pm**

Meeting called to order at 6:25pm

In Attendance: Board of Selectmen – Chairman Alan Dunham, Vice Chairman Ronald Clarke, Sarah Hewins, Dave Robertson & Elaine Weston

In Attendance: School Committee – Chairman James O'Brien, Andrew Cardarelli, Andrew Soliwoda, Superintendent Scott Knief & Chief Financial Officer Brad Brothers

Update on Track & Field Project: Members of both committees were present at the MHS Track & Field Committee Meeting that began at 5pm and was in progress as members gathered for the 6pm meeting and do not feel they need an update. Community Preservation Committee funds are anticipated to be \$3.25 million.

FY 19 School Budget: The operational budget is \$620,831 – the circuit breaker offset is \$250,000. The total actual cost is expected to create a shortfall of \$328,000. Superintendents of the South Shore have been pushing legislatures to fund circuit breaker. Health insurance savings is budgeted at \$250,000 which would result in a bottom line shortfall of \$78,000. They are working on finding a solution for this.

The change of Health Insurance mid-year to GIC3 will generate the \$250,000 offset listed above– they would like to move this into accounts that currently have a negative balance which are secondary sped tuition and sped secondary collaborative. They are anticipating circuit breaker revenue of \$350,000. The anticipated balance for FY19 is \$277,000. Knief stated that this is the biggest variable that the School budget faces.

The goal has been to work toward minimizing the shortfall for circuit breaker –the bottom line school budget may see a shortfall of approximately \$60,000 and they are currently working on how that will be addressed at this time.

The School Committee is exploring the possibility of School Choice and will be discussing it at their next meeting.

Discussion on Joint meetings being broadcast on Area 58: Cardarelli has fielded complaints of the meeting not being broadcast. Clarke feels the current process is productive and Hewins stated it is open to the public. The casualness of the meeting helps the conversations flow. Members of the public are always welcome to attend a public meeting.

Motion not to have joint quarterly meetings broadcast on Area 58 by Clarke, second by Cardarelli. Vote 7-0.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm by Clarke, second by Cardarelli. Vote 7-0.

Next meeting joint quarterly meeting: March 29, 2018

Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm by Clarke, second by Robertson.