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TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of June 10, 2009

Present: Dick Chabot, James Lovett, Chet Lubelczyk, Robert Smith

Guests: Selectmen Petraitis, Walter, Filipkowski  
David Papagni, Superintendent-Director and John Lafleche, Business Manager  
Southern Worcester County Regional School District  
James Caldwell, Representative to the Regional School District

1. The Meeting was Called to Order by Mr. Lovett at 7:00 PM. Mr. Lovett chaired the Meeting.
2. The Minutes of the Meeting of June 9, 2009 were presented. A Motion was made by Mr. Lubelczyk, and seconded by Mr. Chabot, to approve the Minutes as presented. The Motion was unanimously approved.
3. Mr. Caldwell introduced Mr. Papagni and Mr. Lafleche to the Committee and to the Selectmen. Mr. Papagni provided a detailed overview of the programs and operations of Bay Path Regional Vocational High School, and indicated that over 60 North Brookfield students had expressed an interest in attending Bay Path in FY 10. Mr. Lafleche then addressed the issue of major concern to the Finance Committee: the projected increase in the Town's Bay Path assessment to \$289,280 for FY 10, a significant increase over FY 09. He explained that the assessment is based on a very complicated formula from the DOE, and is not determined solely by Bay Path. Much of the data used by DOE to determine Chapter 70 funding is also utilized to determine formula funding for the Regional Vocational Schools. Mr. Lafleche explained that calculation in detail. He also indicated that in FY 10, there would be no increase in transportation costs to the Town; those would be absorbed by Bay Path. It was noted, however, that in FY 11 there would probably be an increase in both the assessment and transportation costs, especially in view of the greater number of North Brookfield students expected to enroll. In addition, any expansion of the physical plant in future years would be an additional assessment, also based upon a formula. Mr. Papagni and Mr. Lafleche provided the Committee and the Selectmen with numerous attachments. The Committee and Selectmen expressed their belief that Bay Path programs provided North Brookfield students with valuable options, and thanked them for the information and explanations they gave. Attachments.

4. There being no further business before the Committee, a Motion was made by Mr. Lubelczyk, and seconded by Mr. Chabot, to adjourn the Meeting. The Motion was unanimously approved. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert Smith