

**YARMOUTH FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**September 17, 2008**  
**Mattacheese Middle School**

**Members Present:** Chairman Patrick Foran, Clerk Carol Serafino, Betty-Jane Burkhardt, John Henderson, Peter Slovak (late), Randall Stiffler (late), Carlene Veara and Edward Weissberger

**Absent:** Vice Chairman Robert Kaiser

Chairman Foran called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m..

Chairman Foran announced that Representative Cleon Turner has responded to the request to change the voting practice at a district meeting, and advised that it will not happen. Copies of the memo will be forwarded to the members.

Meeting with Superintendent Carol Woodbury:

- a. John Henderson and Patrick Foran met with Superintendent Woodbury. Regarding personnel cuts, Fincom will be receiving 3 lists ... (1) everyone separated from the district for whatever reason, (2) new hires, and (3) rehires. By using these lists Fincom will be able to determine the actual number of cuts.
- b. Supt. Woodbury offered to meet with Fincom once a month. Regarding requests for information from her, she requested a month to respond; Fincom requested that Supt. Woodbury forward the response a week prior to our meeting which would enable better dialog at a meeting.
- c. Supt. Woodbury explained that the District breaks even regarding School Choice.
- d. Regarding Fincom's request on budgets – revenue versus expenses – Supt. Woodbury advised that if there is an expense generated because of a grant, those expenses are not shown in the budget – basically, DY runs two sets of books. When the grant expires, and if the grant program is to continue, the costs are moved to the budget. Mr. Henderson advised that he has a problem with this procedure and that he believed that it is a piece of why the budget went up ... grants being moved over to the budget.
- e. Mr. Weissberger again advised that if DY would prioritize programs, mandated issues and those things they would like to do, one could really see what cuts are made.
- f. Following an explanation of the Investment Committee, Supt. Woodbury asked if a person from DY could attend the Town's committee meetings. Supt. Woodbury was assured her representatives would be most welcome.

Chairman Foran advised that the meeting Monday is at 6 p.m. and will be broadcast to both towns. The public will not be allowed to speak. Mr. Fennell, formerly with DY, was asked to attend by Supt. Woodbury due to past practice, etc.

A very brief discussion was held regarding Governor Patrick's announcement of wanting more regionalization in the state, therefore, making the idea of DY de-regionalization unlikely.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Betty-Jane Burkhardt, Recorder

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Carol Serafino, Clerk