

EDGECOMB SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Special Meeting held at Edgcomb Town Office

March 7, 2017

PRESENT: MEMBERS: Sarah Clifford, Tom Abello, and Mark Graham. ADMINISTRATORS: Superintendent Eileen King, Principal Lisa Clarke, Special Services Director Lisa Smith, Staff Tanya Thibault and Ali Butler. PRESS: Morgan Callan Rogers. GUESTS: budget committee members Jack Brennan, Janet Blevins, Karen Potter, and Joe McSwain. Selectmen Mike Smith, Ted Hugger and Jack Sarmanian. Community member Heather Sinclair.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the above date.

Budget committee chairman, Jack Brennan, opened the meeting, praising the merits of the Eddy School and then turned the meeting over to school committee chair, Tom Abello.

Abello stated that in an effort to keep the budget constrained, acknowledging the 5% cut request from the budget committee, he presented the committee with two options. Superintendent Eileen King and Principal Lisa Clarke proposed adding a Pre-K program which could bring in students and tuition revenue. Due to state-wide decreasing student population, King mentioned that Edgcomb is in competition with Wiscasset School, who is also recruiting students from surrounding towns.

The budget committee was given two proposed 2017-2018 budget spreadsheets, one with the addition of Pre-K showing an increase of \$134,893 over last year and one without the Pre-K program, showing an increase of \$76,588 over last year.

Superintendent King stated that they have worked hard to keep the Pre-K budget as low as possible, pointing out that part of the increase over last year's budget is due to changes in health insurance and a \$10,000 drop in state subsidy.

Parent Heather Sinclair had high praise for the Eddy School, having moved to Edgcomb so her daughter could attend there, and hopes that the boards can come to a solution to make this a win-win situation for taxpayers and the school.

NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 11th at EES.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Abello moved and Sarah Clifford seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion approved 3-0

Respectfully submitted,



Eileen King,
Superintendent