

Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022
7:30 PM
*** VIRTUAL MEETING ***

Present: Christine Russell (Chair), Adam Nolde (Vice Chair), Roland Bourdon, Steve Noone, David Wellinghoff, Jason Cole, Mike Majors, Christi Andersen and Esha Gangolli

Ms. Russell called the meeting to order.

1. Citizen's Concerns

None

2. FY23 Budget

Presentation by ABRSD staff on the FY23 ABRSD budget. Mr. Verdolino presented an overview of the budget process and review of the budget most recently presented to the School Committee. Finance Committee members asked questions throughout the presentation revolving around:

- Use of E&D
- Headcounts
- Acton Assessment
- All day K funding
- Community Ed revolving fund
- Use of ARPA funds

School Committee was asked if the use of E&D would test the recommended lower limits and how much did the community education budget lost during Covid and how did the \$311K relate.

Mr. Light commented that the health insurance increase and the community education fund are likely short term but were the drivers of this budget. They should stabilize over the next few years.

Finance Committee members discussed potential ways to close the ALG gap and details about headcounts of the Town and School. Mr. Nolde presented a graph showing year over year growth of the Town and School staffing. Members don't believe the proposed budgets are sustainable and would like additional cost savings.

3. Finance Committee Business

Ms. Gangolli moved to adjourn. Ms. Andersen seconded. Mr. Nolde took the vote by roll call. The motion passes 8-1.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- ABRSD Budget Presentation
- Staffing growth graph presented by Mr. Nolde