

**Sandwich School Committee
Finance Sub-Committee
December 7, 2016
Executive Session
Wing School – Business Office**

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Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 in the business office.



Present: P.Gould, M.Austin, S.Hall and J.Pierce. Absent K.Ames

Mr. Pierce was "drafted" to take notes in Ms. Ames' absence.

Mr. Pierce pointed out that the October 1, 2016 enrollment numbers showed an increase in 12+ out of district placements from 11 to 15. He expressed concern about the potential budget impact. Dr. Gould questioned the accuracy of the numbers. Ms. Austin will check the accuracy of the numbers with M. Vrontas.

Ms. Austin stated that the budget has been "frozen" as of December 1 as has been the custom for several years. There was some discussion as to how those responsible for various cost centers interpret the definition of frozen. Ms. Austin accepted responsibility for clarifying that point.

Purchase of necessary technology infrastructure has proven more costly than anticipated. Ms. Austin and Mr. Harper are looking into potential leasing options.

A plan has been worked out between Dr. Gould and Mr. Dunham for maintaining Wing beyond 6/30/17.

School Committee meetings will be scheduled for all four Wednesday's in January primarily to deal with the budget. It is hoped that one or more will not be necessary depending on non-budget agenda items.

An overall review of first quarter FY17 expenditures revealed no areas of concern. The budget was over-spent by 1.1%. Much of that was in Special Education. However, some circuit breaker funds had not been applied. Conclusion - on track.

The central office move, and how it will be financed, is expected to be on the 12/14/16 agenda of the full SC.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24.

