The meeting was held in the Superintendent’s Office, King Philip Middle School, 18 King Street, Norfolk, MA 02056

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Francomano at 7:35 am

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patrick Francomano, Ken Dow and Jim Killion

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Dr. Liz Zielinski, Superintendent, Mr. Larry Azer, Director of Finance & Operations, Kendra Kannally, Norfolk Resident and member Budget CWG, Tracey Malloy, Norfolk Resident and member CWG, Bruce Cates, Plainville Finance Committee Chair and Member CWG and Barbara Snead, Norfolk Resident and KP School Council Member.

**AGENDA:**

**Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2018:**
Held for Review

**Preliminary FY 2019 Town Assessments:**
Mr. Azer discussed the governor’s budget reflects an increase of 2.2% to chapter 70. This equates to approximately $20/student increase at KP. Unrestricted general local aid is budgeted at 3.5% (towns are receiving more aid than the KP district). Charter reimbursement continues to be underfunded. Mr. Azer is expecting a net increase of state aid of $5K versus prior budget expectations. Transportation is expected to be a $10K decrease. Mr. Azer summarized the governor’s budget as minimal impact to the KP FY 19 Budget Projections – 6.8% vs 6.78%

Mr. Azer presented the preliminary FY 2019 Town Assessments including the governor’s forecasted budget. Mr. Francomano suggested to include the FY’18 & FY’19 budget information in the upper left hand section of the assessments sheet for reference purposes. Mr. Azer was tasked to add the revised assessments to the agenda at the next full school committee meeting.
Public Discussion:
Ms. Kannally asked what are the next steps in the budget process? Mr. Francomano noted that the meeting with the three towns is scheduled for February 13, 2018 and we will have a better sense where things stand with the towns after that meeting.

Ms. Snead asked that since there may be a potential path of a superintendent’s union, does it make sense to continue to look for a Superintendent at KP and potentially tie the district into a three-year contract.

Mr. Francomano noted when the district went out for a search, option of going for an interim was discussed and reviewed and the KP school committee decided to move forward with a full time superintendent. The committee consensus is that to get to a Superintendent’s union, would potentially well beyond the three-year timeframe. The budget CWG is cautioning the school committee that moving forward with a three-year contract may tie the hands of the towns. The school committee’s concern is that if the contract is less than three years, that the candidate pool may be compromised. Mr. Killion indicated that a cost analysis needs to be completed for a potential superintendent’s union noting additional areas of favorable impacts – i.e. alignment of curriculum and potential shared services. Mr. Dow questioned if the movement towards a Superintendent’s union has to come from the town members and do the voters of each town have to vote on this issue?

Upon a motion by Mr. Dow, seconded by Mr. Killion the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 AM.

The next meeting of the Finance Subcommittee will be at 7:30 AM in the Superintendent’s office on Friday March 2, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Wolf
Recording Secretary