

The Cape Elizabeth School Board held a FY18 Budget Workshop meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 in the Cape Elizabeth High School Library Learning Commons. The meeting began at 6:35pm and was videotaped. *All budget information, including the schedule of workshops, can be found online at - <https://sites.google.com/a/capeelizabethschools.org/budget/>*

Heather Altenburg Kimberly Carr Susana Measelle Hubbs Joanna Morrissey Barbara Powers Elizabeth Scifres John Voltz *

* Mr. Voltz was absent.

BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

1. Budget: Technology, Support Systems, and Infrastructure –

Superintendent Colter said the Board's initial guidance was to *tell a story* and to connect it with budget priorities. As the draft was first coming together he learned that it would likely to go beyond what could be supported by the town. About 10 days ago the Department of Education provided school districts with *preliminary* Essential Programs and Services (EPS) funding and Cape will likely see a reduction of approximately \$800,000. (Last year, Cape lost approximately \$780,000.) What is being presented this evening is an increase (budget-to-budget) of 1.6%, with an increase to taxes of 3.6%. \$800,000 was used from the unassigned fund balance.

Business Manager Catherine Messmer provided an overview of the budget documents distributed.

District Technology Coordinator Noel Harroff said that the DOE's MLTI program [technology device and network financial support] is going away. Devices are aging and required for students' state assessments. Cape consulted with Falmouth Schools, who didn't fully buy into MLTI, about their 'bring-your-own device' system and is currently exploring a 'group-buy' with area school districts as a possible way to reduce costs. Ginger Raspiller and Carolyn Young demonstrated Apple iPads and MacBooks (laptop), and Chromebook devices and provided anecdotes from the high school students and staffs' perspective.

The Board requested *staffing detail by department* information and a copy of the *FY18 Major Teaching & Learning Considerations* document.

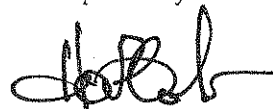
The next meeting will be held on March 7, 2017 at 5:00pm in the CEHS LLC.

Superintendent Colter requested that any Board questions on the information contained in the evening handouts be provided prior to the upcoming budget meeting.

No members of the public spoke.

Adjourned 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Howard P. Colter
Interim Superintendent of Schools