

The Cape Elizabeth School Board held a Workshop meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018 in the Cape Elizabeth Town Hall Council Chambers. The meeting began at approximately 8:30 pm. A Regular Business meeting immediately preceded.

A video recording of this meeting will be available online as part of the workshop meeting materials. <https://goo.gl/Nbzyjk> All budget information can be found online at - <https://sites.google.com/a/capeelizabethschools.org/budget>

Heather Altenburg Kimberly Carr Susana Measelle Hubbs Elizabeth Scifres M. Nasir Shir* Hope Straw John Voltz

* M. Nasir Shir was unable to be present.

BUDGET WORKSHOP - MINUTES

Finance committee chair John Voltz opened the meeting and provided an overview of the evening's planned agenda: overview of previous discussions on state funding, business manager's detail, further review of budget proposals not included.

The audience was reminded that recordings of all budget meetings, in addition to copies of all documents discussed, are available on the district website - <https://www.cape.k12.me.us> > **School Board** > **Budget Information**

District student enrollment continues to remain relatively flat.

While the legislature added more funds to education at the state level they also reduced the amount directed locally to fund education, resulting in higher mil rates or the amount of money to be raised by local property taxes. Increasing property valuations have also given the impression of rising tax rates. Cape Elizabeth Schools is at or close to becoming a 'minimum receiver' [of state funds].

Business Manager and Town Comptroller Catherine Messmer provided [ED279](#) [see *budget site link called "State Calculation for Funding Public Education (preK-12) Report for Cape Elizabeth"*] information for the board to review relative to comparing teacher ratio, gifted & talented program funding (*under Section 3 of ED279 doc*), and class size policy.

Town and School Facilities and Transportation Director Perry Schwarz briefly reviewed some of his department's budget proposals.

Pond Cove Principal Jason Manjourides briefly reviewed his department's budget proposals for a learning strategist and lunch aides.

Superintendent Colter spoke in support of the addition of a Middle School social worker position, a district school resource officer, and about the architect/engineering fees (\$760,000 - *see budget site link under Facilities & Transportation*).

High School Principal Jeff Shedd reviewed his department's budget proposals for the addition of a part-time world language teacher and part-time literacy teacher.

Business Manager and Town Comptroller Catherine Messmer spoke briefly to the department's budget proposal for a part-time clerical support position to support school and town HR and accounting functions.

The next School Board Budget Workshop will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 in the High School Library and Learning Commons.

Adjourned 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Howard P. Colter
Interim Superintendent of Schools