

**TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE, MA.
50 MAIN STREET
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019 AT 6:30 PM**

- 1. CHAIRMAN BIKOFSKY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:28 PM**
- 2. COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: JAY BIKOFSKY, JIM BALFANZ, NEIL HOLDEN, DIANE REUSS, STEVE SHATZ AND WILLIAM VOGT**
- 3. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE COMMITTEE, 6-0.**
- 3. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO FOLLOWING UP ON THE BHRSD-NEXT STEPS COMMITTEE PRESENTATION OF DECEMBER 10, 2019 FOR CIRCULATION AND COMMENT BY THE STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD, BHRSD SUPERINTENDENT, PETER DILLON, AND THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE NEXT STEPS COMMITTEE, WILLIAM FIELDS AND PAUL GIBBONS. THIS PRESENTATION RELATED TO THE RENOVATION OR NEW CONSTRUCTION OF THE MONUMENT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL.**
 - * WILL THE BHRSD NEXT STEPS PLAN PROCEED WITH OR WITHOUT RICHMOND OR WITH OR WITHOUT A CONSOLIDATION WITH THE SBRSD? IF RICHMOND OR SBRSD PARTICIPATE, WHAT WILL BE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS?**
 - * WHAT DECISION TIME-LINE IS BEING CONSIDERED WITH RESPECT TO PARTICIPATION BY RICHMOND AND SBRSD?**
 - * WHAT OPTIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED; RENOVATION OR NEW CONSTRUCTION? WHAT ARE THE PLANS FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY AND COST ESTIMATES AND WHO WILL PERFORM IT, HOW WILL THE PROCESS BE MANAGED, IN WHAT TIME FRAME, AND WHAT IS THE COST PER TOWN?**
 - * WHAT ARE THE FUTURE ENROLLMENT ESTIMATES, RESIDENT VS. CHOICE AND WHAT ARE THE SPECIFICS OF THE PLAN AS TO TYPE AND EXTENT OF ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES BEING CONSIDERED?**
 - * IS THERE A PRECEDENT FOR DISTRICT CONSOLIDATED PROGRAMS IN MA. FOR EXAMPLE "CAPE COD" AND WHAT ARE THE DETAILS?**
 - * HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFERED ANY OPINION ON DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION WITH OR WITHOUT SBRSD OR ANY OTHER**

BERKSHIRE COUNTY COMMUNITIES?

- * **WILL A DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION PLAN GENERATE STATE GRANTS AND ASSOCIATED REIMBURSEMENT? HAS A STATE FORMULA BEEN ESTABLISHED AND WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR SUCH FUNDING?**
 - * **WHAT IS THE MISSION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE BERKSHIRE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL TASK FORCE AND HOW MIGHT IT EFFECT "NEXT STEPS" PLANNING FOR BHRSD, RICHMOND AND SBRSD?**
 - * **WHAT ARE THE COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK GENERATED FROM NEXT STEPS PRESENTATIONS TO GREAT BARRINGTON AND WEST STOCKBRIDGE?**
 - * **WILL THE FEASIBILITY PLAN CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR EXAMPLE AFFILIATION VS. STAND ALONE PROGRAMS?**
 - * **IS A FUTURE CAPITALIZATION PLAN BEING CONSIDERED FOR PROSPECTIVE ADDITIONAL DISTRICT PARTICIPATION?**
 - * **WILL A PRO-FORMA BUDGET BE PREPARED, OPERATING COSTS, CAPITAL COSTS, STATE /GRANT FUNDING WITH ALLOCATIONS BY PARTICIPATING TOWN?**
 - * **WHAT ABOUT CONSIDERATION OF CONSOLIDATION WITH LENOX AND LEE?**
- 4. THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTED A TOUR OF THE MONUMENT HIGH SCHOOL BE SCHEDULED FOR INTERESTED FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**
- 5. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:25 PM**