

Minutes Alford Board of Selectmen

September 17, 2018

Present: Charles Ketchen, Chairman; Peter Puciloski, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson Roxanne Germain, Selectmen's Secretary, Joan Rogers, Mort Josel, John Littlechild, Peter Schoeffer and Christine Reagan, Business Administrator of SBRSD

Meeting called to order 7pm by Charles Ketchen, Chairman

Joint meeting with Finance Committee to discuss the Southern Berkshire Regional School District (SBRSD) budget allocation assessment/ reevaluation.

The goal of the committee is to have a more predictable assessment for each of the 5 towns so there are not wide range of evaluations from year to year. Ms. Reagan explained in great detail how the state formula is currently calculated. There are two parts that make up the budget 1. Required Local Contribution and Additional NSS And All Other. The required portion has to use the Statutory method of assessment, 4 out of 5 towns need to approve the budget. The second portion of the budget can use the Statutory or an Alternative method if the Alternative method is sued all 5 towns need to approve that portion of the budget. The goal is to have each of the 5 towns stay in the same range per pupil charge.

The Selectboard and Finance Committee are not in favor of either method and would like to be assessed on a per pupil basis. They have asked Ms. Regan to make a new chart using the Chapter 70 Formula on the Required portion and a per pupil for the NSS portion. She has agreed and will run the reports and get back to the Town.

8:15 Ms. Regan was done with her presentation and dismissed.

Ketchen updated the Finance committee we may have to approve additional funds to hire a Town Clerk to come and assist Tom Curtin to get him trained and caught up on his work. The Finance Committee agreed

Meeting Adjourn 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Germain