# Franklin <br> MASSACHUSETTS 

## Finance Committee

Meeting Date: April 24, 2018
Present: Dufour, Conley, Fleming, Huempfner, Wiech, Dowd
Absent: Dewsnap, Moses, Smith
Call to order: 6:00 PM
Citizens Comments: None, no citizens present
Approval of minutes: Minutes of April 17, 2018 and April 18, 2018 were reviewed and approved. Vote 6-0,

## Department Overviews:

- School Department: The budget total of $\$ 63,325,000$ represents an increase of $4.98 \%$ over last year. Primary causes of the increase are contractually mandated salary increases, rising health insurance costs and a reduction in available revolving funds. There is a small increase in staff in special education. There was a robust discussion on the use or non-use of revolving funds over the last several years. A discussion also was had about the transportation budget and the utilization of the buses. Enrollment still trending downward in K-8 but continues to rise at the High School.
- Technology: This budget is basically level funded with the exception of copier supplies which are now consolidated here to allow for greater volume buying. The IT Directors salary is included in the school budget.
- Police: This budget is up a very minor amount due primarily to the transfer of about half of the dispatcher salaries to the regional communications center budget. That center is expected to open late this year. A decision on staffing of the police station itself after the dispatchers are gone is under discussion. They currently average 45 walk-ins Monday thru Friday and 25 on weekends. In addition prisoners must be monitored when present in the building.

VOTES: The operating budget of $\$ 114,018,874$ and an Enterprise Fund budget of $\$ 12,500,948$, with an overall total of $\$ 126,519.822$ was voted $6-0$. The budget is unbalanced at this time by an amount of $\$ 1,486,435$. This amount will be adjusted as final numbers of state aid are received and will be funded from the Budget Stabilization fund.

ADJOURN: 6:35PM

