

Minutes of Meeting ~ Finance Committee
Wednesday, May 21, 2003
LSRHS Library – 7:00pm

Present: Co-Chairs Tracy Billig & Michael Grosberg, Larry Rowe, Don Hutchinson, Sheila Stewart, John Nikula, Bob Jacobson, Marty Ragonas, Shauna Simmons, and Bill Kneeland. Also present: Kerry Speidel, Finance Director, and Robin Porcella, Recording Secretary.

Tracy Billig opened the meeting at 7:00pm. She handed out copies of the LSRHS and SPS Teacher's Contracts.

SPS School Committee member, Bill Braun, informed the committee that he would obtain a full version of the SPS Teacher's Contract for the Finance Committee.

Article 54 Discussion:

The committee was informed that the Moderator would pass over the Finance Committee when the discussion on Article 49 comes up, because the FinCom declared they "Take No Position".

Article 54 Reconsideration – Don Hutchinson will speak on behalf of the FinCom at the Town Meeting.

John Nikula stated that he was against the reconsideration. He does not believe that enough voters not showing at the past meeting, is a good reason for the reconsideration.

Tracy Billig stated that she can have the moderator pass over the FinCom when the discussion on Article 54 comes up. Bob Jacobson thought the committee should just state that they are in favor of the reconsideration, but not to say why.

Kerry Speidel, Finance Director, informed the committee that they could state at Town Meeting that they unanimously opposed Article 54, but are in favor of forming a review committee.

Voted: On motion, to support the reconsideration of Article 54. Motion made by Larry Rowe, and seconded by Tracy Billig. On vote, motion carries 7 in favor (Billig, Grosberg, Stewart, Ragonas, Hutchinson, Jacobson, Rowe) and 1 opposed (Nikula).

Discussion on Co-Chairs for next year:

Michael Grosberg informed the committee that due to family & job responsibilities, that he would not be able to act as the Co-Chair for next year. He thanked Tracy Billig for all her help over the past year.

John Nikula nominated Bob Jacobson and Tracy Billig. Sheila Stewart agreed with John's choices. Bob Jacobson said he would act as a co-chair.

Michael Grosberg asked that both old & new members vote, since it effects the whole committee.

VOTED: Move to approve Tracy Billig & Bob Jacobson as Co-Chairs for the Finance Committee. On vote, motion carries 10 in favor, and 0 opposed.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned to the Town meeting