

Town of Hubbardston

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2014

- Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm in the the Slade Building
- Members present: Phil Churchill, Raeanne Siegel, Pat Girouard, Ben Prentiss and Faye Zukowski
- Others Present: None
- No minutes to approve
- Discussion with Dr. Maureen Marshall and Cheryl Duval regarding the current status of the QRSD budget. Dr. Marshall stated that all contracts are currently open. The budget as it stands is a 6% increase for Hubbardston over last year, with only receiving about 48% from the state. This is a 2 1/2 % increase overall from last year. With the 2 ½ % increase, the district will lose 10 positions, will not lose any programs, but will result in larger class sizes. The district is looking again at changing bus routes, as well as shifting Special Ed costs around. Dr. Marshall mentioned that there is currently a waiting list for school choice for the district.

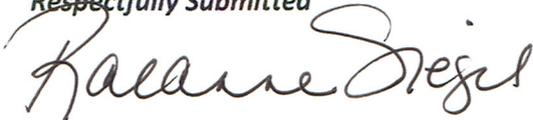
Also discussed was the unfunded mandate – PARCC. The district must be ready by the Spring 2016. FY 16 will have a bigger impact to ramp up for PARCC. The district currently does not know what systems to purchase and will not know until after testing in the systems show results. The current budget allocates for additional bandwidth this year.

Motion: P.Girouard to
adjourn

Second: B. Prentiss

All In Favor

Respectfully Submitted



Raeanne Siegel

Approved: June 03, 2014