

**Town of Tiverton
Budget Committee
Meeting
Tiverton Town Hall
Thursday, 22 January 2009
7:00 p.m.**

Chairman Jeff Caron called the meeting to order at approximately 7p.m. Attending members were: Jeff Caron, Sanford Mantell, Ray Joubert, Rob Coulter, Cynthia Nebergall, Dan Rapoza, Tom Parker, Art Moeller, Joe Bento, Dave Perry, and Alex Cote.

2. Reading and Approval of Minutes.

The Secretary read the minutes of the 11 December 2008 meeting, the 08 January 2009 joint meeting of the Town Council, Budget Committee, and School Committee, and the 15 January 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

3. Tour Town Hall building with guidance of Town Administrator.

Bob Martin testified that the roof overhang on the northeast side of Town Hall is rotten and a window in the Town Administrator's office leaks. Members of the Committee toured the basement of Town Hall with Town Administrator Jim Goncalo.

4. Schedule site visits to Town facilities and presentations by and discussions with Town officials and department heads.

Jeff Caron distributed a new Working Schedule (copy attached) which will be posted on the Committee page of the Town website. Committee members confirmed the scheduled site visits and meetings reflected on the Working Schedule for the Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, Library and Senior Center. Jeff Caron stated that the School Committee declined to meet with the Committee on 29 January 2009 and that the site visit to the schools must be postponed.

5. Historical property tax abatements, anticipated fiscal year 2010 tax abatements, and calendar year 2008 tax base growth.

Dave Robert, Tax Assessor, testified that he anticipates \$260,000 of abatements in FY10. Jeff Caron said the Budget Committee must take account of this amount in the docket. Dave Robert estimated that the tax base grew by about 1% in calendar year 2008.

6. Discussion of Town Council Workshop held Tuesday, 20 January.

Jeff Caron reviewed the Town Council's discussion about spending reductions in FY09 due to the reduction in State aid and concluded that it is not likely that the Town Council will make timely final decisions which would have enabled the Committee to prepare the FY10 docket carefully and thoughtfully. Jeff Caron therefore recommended that the Committee make very conservative assumptions in preparing the municipal docket. Jeff Caron then reviewed the Town Council's discussion about the FY10 budget. Jim

Goncalo distributed a draft municipal budget. Rob Coulter pointed out that the draft municipal budget reflects increased spending of \$823,000, or 5%, over last year (copy of first page attached).

7. Receive and discuss School Department budget.

Jeff Caron read the letter he received from School Committee (copy attached) advising that the School Department budget submitted to the Committee is not final or approved. Rob Coulter pointed out that the draft School Department budget reflects increased spending of \$1,020,245 or 4.06% over last year (copy of pg 1, tab 3, attached). Jeff Caron projected a graph showing the increase in the school budget and decrease in student enrollment during the past eight years (copy attached). Dan Rapoza requested class size data for each grade. Jeff Caron requested four items of information from the School Department: A list of employee positions; copies of contracts applicable to each position and the expiration dates of each contract; the maximum capacity of the new elementary schools; and the status of the request he made at the joint Town Council, School Committee and Budget Committee meeting on 08 January that the School Committee seek relief from RI General Laws Section 16-7-23.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Nebergall, Secretary

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22 Jan 09
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Budget Committee Working Schedule as of 1/22/09

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<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>		<u>Site Visit</u>	<u>Meet</u>	<u>Deliberations</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Thursday	12/4/2008	Cancelled				
Thursday	12/11/2008	Mtg				
Thursday	1/8/2009	Joint Workshop				
Thursday	1/15/2009	Mtg				
Thursday	1/22/2009	Mtg	Town Hall			
Thursday	1/29/2009	Mtg			Town Hall	
Saturday	1/31/2009	Site Visit	Fire?			
Thursday	2/5/2009	Mtg		Fire?		
Saturday	2/7/2009	Site Visit	Police?			
Thursday	2/12/2009	Mtg		Police?	Fire?	
Saturday	2/14/2009	Site Visit	Public Works?			
Thursday	2/19/2009	Mtg		Public Works?	Police?	
Saturday	2/21/2009	Site Visit	Library			
Thursday	2/26/2009	Mtg		Library	Public Works?	
Saturday	2/28/2009	Site Visit	Senior Center			
Thursday	3/5/2009	Mtg		Senior Center	Library	
Saturday	3/7/2009	Site Visit	School?			
Thursday	3/12/2009	Mtg		School?	Senior Center	
Thursday	3/19/2009	Mtg			School?	
Thursday	3/26/2009	Mtg				
Thursday	4/2/2009	Mtg				
Thursday	4/9/2009	Mtg, Publish Docket				
Thursday	4/16/2009					
Thursday	4/23/2009	Public Hearing				between 4/19 - 4/28
Thursday	4/30/2009					
Thursday	5/7/2009					
Saturday	5/9/2009	FTM				
If Needed						
Site Visit						

UNAPPROVED DRAFT

1/22/09
from Jim Goncalo

TOWN OF TIVERTON
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010
PROPOSED BUDGET

	ACCOUNT NUMBER	Appropriated 2008-2009	Requested 2009-2010	Administrator Recommended 2009-2010
School Funding				
Education Operations		\$ 25,059,299.00	\$ -	\$ -
Non-Recurring Expenses - School Department		\$ 96,830.00	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Total - School Department		\$ 25,156,129.00	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Funding				
Non-Recurring Expenses - Municipal		\$ 361,779.00	\$ 228,645.13	\$ 179,645.13
General Government		\$ 4,393,611.00	\$ 4,657,923.43	\$ 4,635,095.60
Financial Administration		\$ 3,928,529.00	\$ 4,706,627.00	\$ 4,468,074.00
Protection to Persons/Property		\$ 4,999,914.00	\$ 5,331,227.07	\$ 5,191,482.41
Grants and Health		\$ 423,955.00	\$ 484,856.98	\$ 425,903.63
Public Works		\$ 2,062,851.00	\$ 2,125,292.00	\$ 2,087,305.00
Associated Activities		\$ 111,600.00	\$ 144,707.00	\$ 116,407.00
Parks, Recreation and Leagues		\$ 114,870.00	\$ 118,939.18	\$ 115,739.00
Grand Total - Municipal		\$ 16,397,109.00	\$ 17,798,217.79	\$ 17,219,651.77
Grand Total - School and Municipal		\$ 41,553,238.00	\$ 17,798,217.79	\$ 17,219,651.77
Grand Total - Municipal		\$ 16,397,109.00	\$ 17,798,217.79	\$ 17,219,651.77

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William J. Rearick
Superintendent of Schools

Douglas E. Fiore
Director of Administration & Finance

January 15, 2009

Mr. Jeffrey Caron, Chairman
Tiverton Budget Committee
343 Highland Road
Tiverton, RI 02878

Dear Mr. Caron:

As per the Tiverton Town Charter, I am submitting to you a draft of the School Department's 2009/2010 school department budget. Be advised that the School Committee has reviewed the draft budget; however, no action has been taken by the Committee at this time. In the coming weeks, the School Committee will continue to make further adjustments to the budget.

Sincerely,



William J. Rearick
Superintendent of Schools

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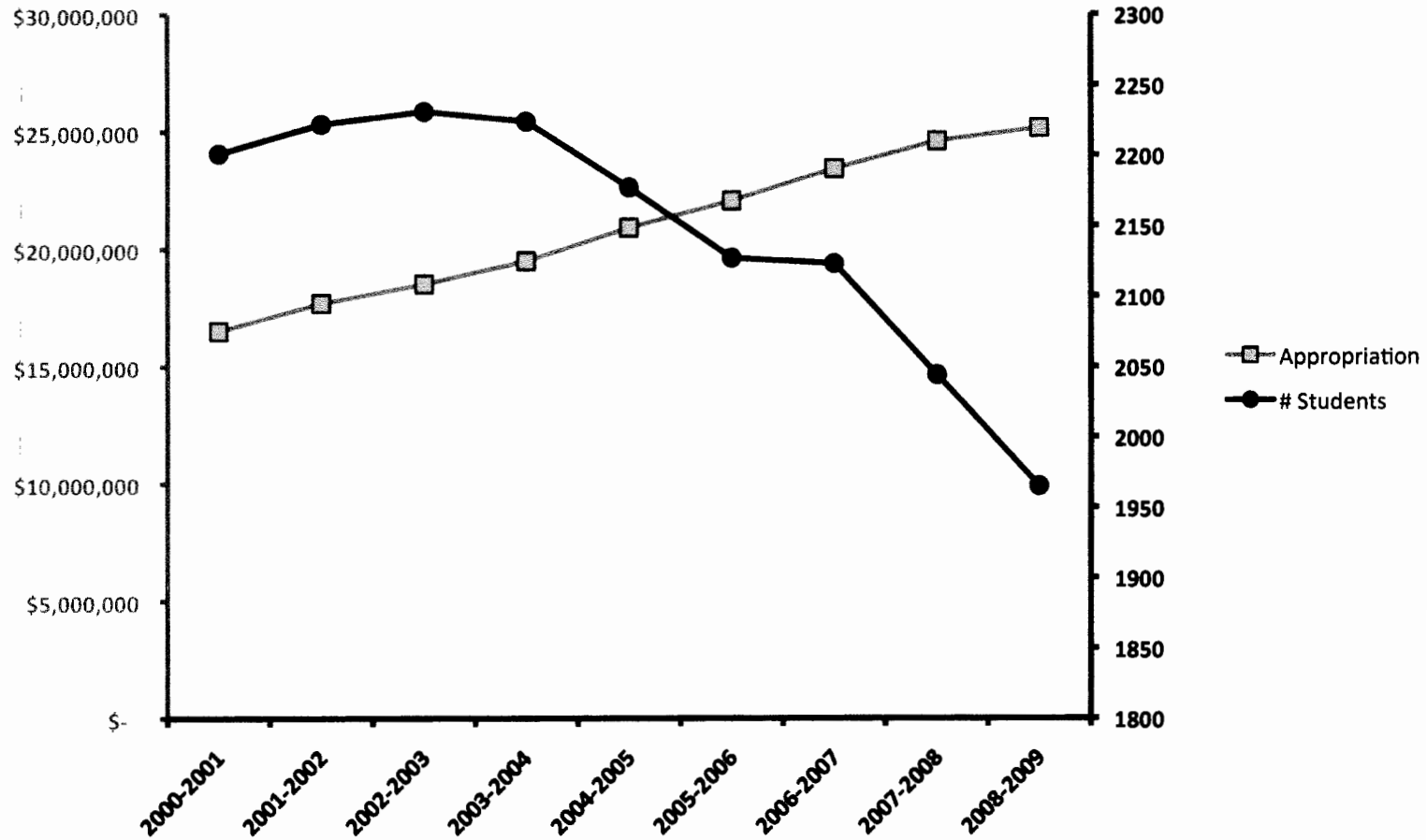
C: J. Goncalo

TIVERTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Budget Summary

	FY 2006 - 2007	FY 2007 - 2008	%	FY08 \$	FY 2008 - 2009	%	FY09 \$	FY10	%	FY10
	Original Budget	Original Budget	Increase	Increase	Original Budget	Increase	Increase	Requested Budget	Increase	Requested \$ Increase
Revenues										
Operating Budget from Local Sources	\$ 18,345,135	\$ 19,308,255	5.25%	\$ 963,120	\$ 20,047,959	3.83%	\$ 739,704	\$ 21,000,237	4.75%	\$ 952,278
General State Aid	\$ 5,108,170	\$ 5,286,132	3.48%		\$ 5,108,170	-3.37%	\$ (177,962)	\$ 4,852,762	-5.00%	\$ (255,409)
Total Operating Budget Revenue	\$ 23,453,305	\$ 24,594,387	4.87%		\$ 25,156,129	2.28%	\$ 561,742	\$ 25,852,998	2.77%	\$ 696,870
Expenses										
Salaries	\$ 13,399,351	\$ 13,803,992	3.02%	\$ 404,641	\$ 14,230,278	3.09%	\$ 426,286	\$ 14,484,094	1.78%	\$ 253,817
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,845,698	\$ 5,511,531	13.74%	\$ 665,833	\$ 5,513,567	0.04%	\$ 2,036	\$ 5,732,994	3.98%	\$ 219,427
Purchased Services	\$ 3,009,056	\$ 3,084,747	2.52%	\$ 75,691	\$ 3,162,555	2.52%	\$ 77,808	\$ 3,791,095	19.87%	\$ 628,540
Materials and Supplies	\$ 661,239	\$ 703,033	6.32%	\$ 41,794	\$ 730,850	3.96%	\$ 27,817	\$ 693,459	-5.12%	\$ (37,391)
Capital Outlay (in Operating Budget)	\$ 15,820	\$ 15,820	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 15,820	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 16,008	1.19%	\$ 188
Other Costs	\$ 1,381,941	\$ 1,362,046	-1.44%	\$ (19,895)	\$ 1,406,229	3.24%	\$ 44,183	\$ 1,361,893	-3.15%	\$ (44,336)
<i>Operating Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 23,313,105</i>	<i>\$ 24,481,169</i>	<i>5.01%</i>	<i>\$ 1,168,064</i>	<i>\$ 25,059,299</i>			<i>\$ 26,079,544</i>		
Capital Budget	\$ 140,200	\$ 113,218	-19.25%	\$ (26,982)	\$ 96,830	-14.47%	\$ (16,388)	\$ 96,830	0.00%	\$ -
Total	\$ 23,453,305	\$ 24,594,387	4.87%	\$ 2,309,146	\$ 25,156,129	2.28%	\$ 561,742	\$ 26,176,374	4.06%	\$ 1,020,245

*Revised
Tab 3 pg 1*

School Budget Appropriation vs Student Enrollment



Data Sources: 1) Certified FTM Dockets 2) www.ride.ri.gov 3) 8 Jan 2009 Supt statement re current enrollment