

Carver Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Joint meeting with School Committee  
Carver Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
June 26, 2018 - 6:00pm

In Attendance: Board of Selectmen –Vice Chairman Ronald Clarke, Sarah Hewins, Dave Robertson, Mark Townsend, Town Administrator Michael Milanoski & Elaine Weston

Absent: Alan Dunham

In Attendance School Committee - Superintendent Scott Knief, Chief Finance Officer Brad Brothers, Chairman James O'Brien, Andy Cardarelli, Stephanie Clougherty & Andrew Soliwoda

Absent: Gina Cavicchi

O'Brien: Understands that there will need to be a shifting of funding – he wanted to establish that the negotiations are tough and there is no wiggle room & can't keep giving 'O' increases. Looking to make things more fiscally manageable and would like the conversations to begin now about where the budget may be going forward for the School in order to sustain the new buildings, fields, etc.

Knief believes that it will be difficult to maintain the anticipated 1.7% growth without change in the operating budget.

TA: Looking to create a sustainable budget and thinks there are changes that can be made moving forward. Looking to grow revenue through different avenues. The town has taken aggressive steps on combining services. The requests will need to be prioritized and future growth will be a major factor of how much can be done.

Clarke: The state is a big part of why so much of the burden is shifted onto the taxpayer.

Cardarelli: Doesn't want to see layoffs or programs cut, but understands they can only work within the budget they are given.

Knief: Would like to provide more opportunities for the students and would like to be able to build on things that are offered.

Clarke: questioned advocating to the state for funding

Knief: stated that the school has been advocating- there is effort to look at the charter school funding formula which hurts the town as well as the circuit breaker. The Chapter 70 funding is not a priority for the state to look at. Carver is getting the minimum increase each year. There are less students in Carver – not due to school choice or charter schools, but just in the general population.

Clarke would like to delve into the budget and do the best we can for the kids.

O'Brien likes that the two committees in communication and are discussing these issues and working together. Is pleased that the TA and Superintendent are working together.

Soliwoda: Although there is plan for the fields going forward, money is needed to maintain the plan.

Clarke: The stabilization funds and other accounts are on the table for resources to maintain town-wide infrastructure.

Motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:35pm by Hewins with Exemption 4 to discuss strategy regarding security personnel on devices that may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the town if held in open session, and to reconvene in open session for purpose of adjournment. Second by Townsend. Roll Call: Affirmative: Robertson, Hewins, Townsend, Clarke, Cardarelli, Clougherty, Soliwoda & O'Brien.