

Special Board of Finance Meeting
6:30 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2015
2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Minutes

1. Call to order

Lorraine Coe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Lorraine Coe, Martin Anderson, Rosemarie Naples, Molly Nolan, Laurie Tuttle

Absent: Helen Larkin

Others in attendance: Maryjane Malavasi, Betsy Dean

2. Budget Hearing: Durham-Middlefield Youth Services

Betsy Dean, Executive Director was in attendance to discuss the program and budget. She presented the Board with the following statistical information;

2012 CERC demographic data was use for both Middlefield (4,426) and Durham (7,368) to determine town portions of budget request. Middlefield provides office space, heat, and utilities, in kind, at a rate of \$834/monthly or \$10,000 annually and \$11,500 in cash. Durham has 24% higher population and supports DMYFS with a line item of \$25,230 annually.

Payroll includes the Executive Director and a part time program staff person. No increase in salary budgeted for either position due to budget constraints.

They are projecting a loss of income in the CT Department of Ed Grant and Enhancement Grant due to State of CT cutbacks. The budget will reflect this when the state budget is passed. No additional request will be made to offset the reduction.

60% of DMYFS programing is done at Strong Middle School and Coginchaug High School in collaboration with the EDGE (Excellent Decisions Guiding Everyday) program. The following is the list of programs and events for which DMYFS has designed, developed curriculum, and trained students as well as provided staff:

- Safe Dates curriculum developed by DMYFS for EDGE students providing information on respect and healthy relationships. Trained high school students present to the 8th grade students at Strong
- Role Models curriculum developed by DMYFS for EDGE students providing information on leadership opportunities and being substance free when they get to the high school. The trained high school students present to the 7th grade students
- Kick Butts Day-Kick Butts Day (March): Posters with anti-smoking messages, lunch time activity, letters to representatives (smoke free parks/Durham Fair)
- Be the One Week-Be the One Week (October): Ribbons on all lockers, sign a pledge at lunch, announcements each day of the week, posters,
- Homecoming Football Game: Pass out information to parents and students
- EDGE Week Drug Facts Week (January): Facts on lunch tables, posters, students made PSA shown to all students, pledge at lunch Sticker Attack (June): Youth walk to local package stores and place stickers encouraging adults to not buy alcohol for those under 21. Meetings: 2 meetings a month, 55 students in attendance (35 at Strong 20 at Coginchaug)
- Provided speakers to the student body on Substance Abuse
- Secured a grant to provide curriculum, training and staff for a new Asset Development EDGE program at Memorial school

She also talked about the Drug Free Community grant that DMYFS was instrumental in securing in the amount of \$625,000 over 5 years of which DMYFS is the fiduciary and receives no funding for

our agency as per the grant guidelines. This grant supports a full time prevention coordinator for Durham. There is an opportunity to apply for 5 additional years at the end of this grant cycle in September 2017.

40% of DMYFS programs offered to the community:

- Juvenile Review Board (JRB) Alternative to Juvenile Court; 13 cases (50% were Durham youth) over the past two years; this program provides a diversion from, and meaningful alternative to, the juvenile justice system. This program is a diversionary and preventative program offered to children and families of children who have committed minor delinquent acts or children and youth who are displaying at risk behaviors at home or at school which could result in a referral to juvenile court.
- Referrals for families in need of counseling and mental health services
- Babysitting Training with First Aid and CPR (55% Durham youth)
- 5th and 6th Grade Fun Nights (65% Durham youth)
- Youth Action Council provides asset building activities as well as leadership and volunteer opportunities
- Jam Session asset building mini grant (Durham student)
- Tough Mudder asset building mini grant
- Family Lego Build asset building mini grant (Durham student)
- Summer Stock Theater (71% Durham youth)
- Adventures in Cardboard Summer program (65% Durham youth)
- Parent Workshops
- Summer Youth Employment site

3. 2015-2016 Budget Workshop

1010-Office of the First Selectman; re-open

#204 increase to \$7,325

#NEW UConn Intern eliminate

Total \$37,207

2525-Health Insurance

#105 reduced to \$526,251

#146 increase to \$14,453

Total \$662,547

2563-Municipal Custodial Services

#205 reduce to \$27,542

Total \$32,104

4570-Youth Services

Approved as presented, \$44,937

5005-Library Expenses

#353 reduce to \$500

Total \$14,200

#6700-Capital

#1030-Town Clerk; request withdrawn

#1566-Computer Equipment; reduce fy15-16 request to \$6,247

#2020-Conservation; reduce \$4,500

#3500-Local Highway Projects; add Higganum Road HPTAG Engineering; \$100,000 fy15-16, fy16-17

#4025-Fire Company Trustees; reduce to zero; part of building maintenance budget

#5005-Library; add equipment \$1,200

#6050-Historical Society; reduce to zero; paid out of contingency fy14-15

Total \$453,712

#6520-Reserve

#1010-Selectmens Office; reduce to zero

#2568-Building Maintenance; reduce to \$646,367

#4015-Animal Control; reduce to \$2,500

#5002-Library Equipment; reduce to zero; capital request

#7505-Old Indian Trail; increase to \$11,000

Total 1,158,487

4. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata