

FY22 Joint Board of Selectmen and Financial Advisory Committee
Budget Hearing
January 27, 2021
3:00 pm

A joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Financial Advisory Committee was held on the above date via Zoom Teleconference. Members present were: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman; Margaret E. Serpa, Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Co-Chair; Les Baynes, James Carter, Robert Coad, and Paul Pertile. Also present was the Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 3:02 pm Mrs. Lowell-Bettencourt called the Financial Advisory Committee to order; subsequently Mr. Smadbeck called the Board of Selectmen to order.

Mr. Smadbeck assumed the Chair for the joint meeting.

The first item of business was the budget analysis for the Edgartown School. Shelley Eibinder presented the budget.

There is a 5.38% increase in operating budget due to salary and contractual obligations, and increases in Shared Services. There was a proposed warrant article for Elevator Maintenance totaling \$200,000.

The next item of business was the budget analysis for the Superintendent's Office. Mark Friedman presented the budget.

There was an 8.67% increase in the Shared Services budget. This was due to contractual obligations, ESP support, increased hours, a new accountant position, IT support, ELL administrative support, COVID supplies, insurance, and a School Committee Secretary.

The proposed warrant article was for the ACE MV program totaling \$15,425.

Mr. Smadbeck, Ms. Serpa, and Mr. Baynes called attention to the additional Accounting Position, citing previous years being sufficient with the available personnel.

Mr. Friedman noted the current personnel are unable to appropriately complete their requirements. Superintendent Matt D'Andrea expressed need for the new position to prevent existing personnel from burning out like previous staff.

The next item of business was the budget analysis for the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School.

There was a 3.51% increase to the operation budget. This was due to contractual increases, insurance, facilities, transportation (Prius replacement), instruction (restoration from FY21 cuts), ELL support, School-based health center, and a career pathways program.

The proposed warrant articles included:

- Tech Infrastructure Renovations — \$656,552.90
- Superintendents Office re-shingling — \$30,000
- (2) Electric Busses — \$261,546.84
- OPEB Funding — \$216,072.66 (becomes annual budget expense when ratified by all towns)

Mr. Hagerty recommended the Career Pathways Program be designated as a warrant article. Mr. Hagerty also suggested that an Actuary be contracted for an explanation for OPEB funding and the essential information regarding reaching the ADEC.

With no further questions, at 4:16 pm Ms. Serpa made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Smadbeck seconded the motion. Unanimous.

At 4:18 pm, Mr. Jordan made a motion to adjourn the Financial Advisory Committee. Mr. Baynes seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.