



Finance Committee Minutes 3/2/23

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Committee Members Present: Nicholas Sammarco, Mark Johnson, Christopher Sottile, Joe Marino (via teleconference).

Committee Members Absent: Kevin Clancy Krystale Bithoney.

Staff and Anticipated Speakers Present: Brian Noble (Town Administrator); Julie Herbert (Town Accountant/Finance Director); Jennifer Parson (Superintendent) Gail Clarke (School Business Director).

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

- **Discussion of agenda item 2.1 (Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting) began at 6:31pm.**

Motion to approve minutes for 2/16/23 made by Mr. Sammarco, seconded by Mr. Sottile, approved unanimously.

- **Discussion of the agenda item 3.1 (Plainville Public Schools Budget) began at 6:32pm.**
 - Superintendent Parson presented the school's budget request to the Committee in the form of a detailed narrative and powerpoint presentation regarding the state of the Plainville Public School District and the future needs of the District.
 - Questions from the Committee began at 7:10pm and pertained to the change of use in adjustment counselors and the price involved in hiring a STEM teacher, the breakdown of the 2000 series budget line item by increase (contractual obligations, increased staff, etc.), the capital plan request for laptop purchases on a 5-year cycle, historic enrollment figures, planning ahead for enrollment (and the potential for calculation), the trends and events influencing the increase in special education liabilities, the use of "evidence-based" curriculum, accounting for the increase in out-of-district/private placements, the capital budget plan relating to building maintenance.
 - Public comment began at 7:32pm and featured comment from Mr. Desprez of High Street.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Sammarco and seconded by Mr. Sottile at 7:35pm passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: 3/9/23 @6:30pm