

Wiscasset budget Committee Meeting  
Wiscasset Municipal Building  
March 20, 2008 @ 6:30 pm

AGENDA

**Call the meeting to Order**

**Attendance:**

Steve Mehrl	_____	Pam Dunning	_____
Karl Tarbox	_____	Tony True	_____
George Green	_____	Robert Fairfield	_____
Judith Colby	_____	Dick Hanson	_____
Sherri Dunbar	_____		

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Approval of the minutes** - the minutes for the meeting conducted on 03/06/08 are posted on email for all to review.

**Old Business**

None noted

**New Business**

Jay McIntire - brief on State requirements for a School Administrative Unit as it applies to the Wiscasset "Municipal School Unit".

1. Address the direction that is to be followed in this process - are we required to be IAW Chapter 103A?

- a. Part XXXX -5 .20A MRSA 1, sub-26 School administrative unit. "School Administrative unit" means the state-approved unit of school administration and includes a municipal school unit, school administrative district, community school district, regional school unit or any other municipal or quasi-municipal corporation responsible for operating or constructing public schools, except that it does not include a career and technical education region.

Beginning July 1 2009, "school administrative unit" means the state-approved unit of school administration and includes only a municipal school unit and a regional school unit formed pursuant of chapter 103A.

- b. Are the requirements as laid out Under Part XXXX -13,20A MRSAc. 103A 1486 Budget Validation Referendum applied by the direction of the stated to include the 1486-1488 Applicable to Wiscasset Municipal School Unit?

2. Additional questions for Jay

- a. Can you supply us with the cost of all individual sports?
- b. How did the School Committee decide to cancel certain sports?
- c. Can you execute an educational program if you had to operate at EPS level of funding?
- d. Define erate funds and why they are not counted as revenue?

3. Duane Goud - address ballot questions of recommendation and funding amounts.

4. Tony True - address ED281 information

5. Going forward we need to address each area with **facts** e.g.

- a. Need the policy that states no retroactive pay in the teacher's contract - establishes no need to fund.
- b. Documentation that exhibits scholastic standing of schools that are operating at or near EPS that have higher scores than Wiscasset - speaks to why not.
- c. ED281 Recommendation of Budget Committee funding.

6. Additional comments not earlier submitted.

**Other business - Hand out Cost Center Information for next week.**

Steve Mehrl - Through out the next set of budget meetings the total cost and projected revenues needs to be present as we address the budgets. Unlike last year the property assessments are/will be known, plus new accounts. We know there is just cause to expend monies as we have seen the needs of various departments. We need to be able to have a running balance sheet of inflow, out flow, revenue and reserve to understand the impact on the anticipated mill rate and how decisions affect it.

During the next 6 weeks we will see how all of this stacks up.

We should also be reviewing last years Ballot Articles - to a considerable extent the budgets will be very similar. I will have a sample of the information format that will be used during the Town Budget Meetings.

Next weeks meetings start 6:30. I believe this includes the School Board/School Superintendent meeting.

**Adjourn -**

Agenda prepared by Steve Mehrl,  
Chairman WBC 3/13/2008