

1 **FRAMINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
2 **Conference Room 209 (Second Floor) – Memorial Building – May 12, 2015**  
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4 **Present**

5 Beverly Hugo, Chair  
6 Heather Connolly, Vice Chair  
7 Dr. Eric Silverman  
8 Jim Stockless  
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10 **Absent**

11 Don Taggart III, Clerk  
12 Michelle Brosnahan  
13 Jim Kelly  
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15 **Also Present**

16 Dr. Stacy Scott, Superintendent  
17 Richard Weader, Chair, Standing Committee on Education  
18 Mel Warshaw, Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on Education (Arrived at 7:05 PM)  
19 Chris Kelley, Standing Committee on Education (Arrived at 7:06 PM)  
20 Ann Jeffris, Standing Committee of Education (Arrived at 7:10 PM)  
21 Gerry Bloomfield, Member of the Public (Arrived at 7:30 PM)  
22 Tricia Simeone, Administrative Assistant  
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24 **AGENDA**

- 25 I. Discussion of FY'16 Budget Presentation  
26 II. Approval of Minutes  
27 A. May 7, 2015  
28 III. Adjournment  
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31 **ACTION**

32 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Beverly Hugo convened the School  
33 Committee with four members present. Ms. Hugo reviewed the items on the agenda for this  
34 evening.  
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36 **I. DISCUSSION OF FY'16 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

37 Ms. Hugo said that this is Dr. Scott's updated presentation for Town Meeting and the schools  
38 have been allotted 10 minutes. Dr. Scott said 10 minutes will be sufficient and tonight he will  
39 present a dry run so the Committee can offer feedback.  
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41 Dr. Scott said the presentation is to focus on the students and for the Town to be aware of the  
42 growing number of students in the district. Dr. Scott detailed the school demographics and  
43 selected populations of students, such as English Language Learners. Currently, there are 8,607  
44 students in the district. There was a net increase of 152 students in 2015. Dr. Scott explained  
45 the growing trends from FY'11 through FY'14 which includes a large number of autistic children.  
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47 Dr. Scott said that some emerging issues include students with high needs, recent immigrants,  
48 limited and interrupted formal education students (SLIFE), mental/health diagnosis, and  
49 increased teen pregnancy. In terms of measuring progress, Dr. Scott shared several slides that  
50 show how Framingham students compare to surrounding school districts, recent MCAS scores,  
51 and DART comparisons. Overall, it shows that the schools are consistently moving forward in  
52 both growth and proficiency.

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54 In terms of the FY'16 budget salaries are increasing by 2.5% and the overall budget increase is  
55 approximately 4%. The schools have come to an agreement with the Town for a budget figure  
56 of \$115,731,963 and this includes staffing, contractual needs, and various additional needs. Dr.  
57 Scott explained the priority staffing list which details the cost of each position and school  
58 placement. Dr. Scott also mentioned the staffing changes from FY'13 to present and stated  
59 which are new, existing or have been realigned.

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61 Dr. Scott said that in a few years they hope to close the financial gap. They are pleased to  
62 announce that FHS is now a level 1 school and several other schools are showing high growth.  
63 STEAM programming is being built throughout the district and they are implementing a multi-  
64 tiered system of support (MTSS). The schools continue to build business partnerships and they  
65 are using them strategically, to continue to do all that they do.

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67 Mr. Stockless commented that moving through the slides so quickly might be too fast for  
68 people to process the information and he recommended that the presentation be distributed at  
69 the meeting. Ms. Hugo said the handout of slides is too small and asked if Dr. Scott can make  
70 them bigger. Ms. Connolly asked if prior to Town Meeting they have a room reserved to show  
71 the presentation and Ms. Hugo confirmed that they do.

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73 Mr. Stockless said slide 15 has information that is self-reported by students and this should be  
74 stated on the slide. Dr. Silverman recommended that someone review the slides that are  
75 unfamiliar with the acronyms. Ms. Hugo said the money discussion did not include the Fall  
76 Town Meeting. Mr. Stockless said that they should state that the schools are expecting the  
77 additional Chapter 70 funding. There were several comments from the public regarding  
78 recommended additions to the presentation. Ms. Hugo noted that they do not know what the  
79 funds will be in the fall, until they are published by the State. Dr. Scott said that there is no way  
80 to predict what the Chapter 70 funding amount will be. Mr. Weader said that the Ways and  
81 Means Committee will have the final number in a week or so.

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83 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

84 **A. May 7, 2015 Special Meeting**  
85 There was a discussion regarding the motion of the May 7, 2015 Special Meeting. It was  
86 determined that the original motion did not state "with the exception of the first \$420K of any  
87 net increase in education aid". The consensus was that this should be added at the end of the  
88 first sentence.

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90 **MOTION: Moved by Mr. Stockless and seconded by Ms. Connolly that the School**  
91 **Committee approve the Special Meeting minutes of May 7, 2015, as amended.**  
92 **Discussion: None. Vote: Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo and Mr. Stockless voted in favor, Dr.**  
93 **Silverman abstained; 3-0-1.**

95 **III. ADJOURNMENT**

96 Ms. Hugo said she was told the budget will not be voted Wednesday night. There is a  
97 conference room reserved on Thursday and this can be used for any questions from the public.

98 Ms. Hugo thanked the members for attending the meeting.

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100 The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

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102 **MOTION: Moved by Mr. Stockless and seconded by Ms. Connolly that the School**  
103 **Committee adjourn the meeting. Discussion: None. Vote: Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo,**  
104 **Dr. Silverman and Mr. Stockless voted in favor; 4-0-0.**

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106 The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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108 *These minutes were approved, with amendments, by the Framingham School Committee at the*  
109 *meeting of June 2, 2015.*

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111 *A copy of the minutes was forwarded to the Office of the Town Clerk on June 3, 2015.*

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113 **MEETING DOCUMENTS**

114 May 7, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes