

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes February 25, 2020

(These minutes were approved at the June 2nd, 2020 meeting).

Present: Doug MacLeay, Lynn DiTullio, Rachel Glick, Thom Griffin, Lori Shearer, Vlaeda Peters and Ellen from the Personnel committee

The meeting opened at 6:34 pm. The Personnel Committee represented the FRCOG's salary survey; most of the town's staff is paid comparably to others in the County. The Personnel Committee also presented a spreadsheet showing COLA increase options and recommendations.

Ellen requested to be informed of the Committees decisions on Salaries after the decisions are made.

Rick Martin, Superintendent, and Russ Kaubris, Business Manager of the Franklin County Technical School District, came to present about the Tech School.

Highlights: Added a new Vet Science and CMA/LPN programs and added a Co-op Coordinator (half of seniors on co-op jobs and internships. Won several grants to improve the facilities. Added four Special Ed positions, plus others. 70 students arranged in AP programs. State award as an AP school (only tech school to win).

Enrollment is increasing overall due to these new programs and demographics. The requested budget increase for Colrain is 5.4%; enrollment increase next year is 8.7%.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. The next meeting is on March 17th.