

**Meeting Minutes
Finance Committee
Thursday, February 29, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Finance Committee Members Present: Doug Newman, Vice Chair
Barbara Marchione
John Pshenishny
Jane Fuccillo, Zoom
Dawn Trachtenberg
Lee Rafkin

Others Present: Mari Enoch, Town Administrator
Marc Trachtenberg
Marsha Pshenishny
Tara White, Zoom

Members Absent: Beth Reynolds

Vice Chairman Doug Newman called the meeting to order for the Finance Committee at 6:07 p.m.

Review and approve minutes of previous meetings
None.

FY 25 Budget reviews and discussion

The Finance Committee reviewed current budgets for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District (SBRSD), town employee wages/insurance and various department expenses.

The number of children enrolled in the Southern Berkshire Regional School District has decreased to 618. Vocational expenses cover tuition and transportation for students who choose to go to another school district. This could also apply to special needs students.

Increased clerical budgets are due to the rising costs of software licenses and contracts. The Assessor's firm, for example, is an external service that updates every 3 years.

Mari provided details for on-call EMT and Firefighter shifts, stipends and training.

The numbers are still fluctuating, and many budgets have not been submitted yet. Mari is filling them in as they become available.

The Finance Committee may want to meet with the Berkshire Regional School District to discuss the school budget.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting at 7:59p.m.

Submitted by: Jennifer Greenberg

Date approved by the Finance Committee: