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Lexington Appropriations Committee

Proposed Amendments to the Minuteman
Regional Agreement

Changes to the Regional Agreement

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- **School Committee votes**
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Assessment of Operating and Capital Costs

Current Agreement

Operating Costs:

- Based on most recent year's enrollment share

Capital Costs:

- Based on most recent year's enrollment share, with a minimum of 5 students per town

Proposed Agreement

Operating Costs:

- Based on 4-year rolling average enrollment share

Capital Costs:

- Each member community pays base 1% of yearly total
- 50% is based on 4-year rolling average enrollment share (min. of 5 students)
- The remaining balance is allocated using the Chapter 70 state aid formula of income and property values (known as *Combined Effort*), along with enrollment



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School Committee Votes

Current Agreement

- Each member town has one vote for all questions

Proposed Agreement

- Weighted votes based on 4-year rolling average enrollment share
- Incurring debt is specifically excepted and would require approval by 2/3 of all school committee members regardless of enrollment share or actual attendance at meeting



[4]

Admission of New Member Communities

Current Agreement

- New member would carry full share of capital costs from day one

- Current language does not account for admission of a city

Proposed Agreement

- School Committee could negotiate gradual 4-year "buy-in", subject to approval by all of the existing member communities

- Language contemplates membership by city



Withdrawal of Member Communities

Current Agreement

- Requires *approval* by all other member communities and the exiting member remains liable for a share of all debt approved while a member, even if its own residents voted against authorizing that debt

Proposed Agreement

- Could occur *unless disapproved* by a majority of other members. Qualified students could still be accepted on a space-available, tuition basis

- IF withdrawal is properly pursued following a District-wide election that authorizes new debt, the subject community would not be liable for a share of the debt that its own voters disapproved in that election



Application of District Income Identified as Contribution to Capital Costs

Current Agreement

- **Current agreement is silent on this point**

Proposed Agreement

- **Must be applied to reduce capital assessments to members**



[7]

Authorization By Member Communities For New Debt

Current Agreement

- **As this is not specified in the current agreement, either of two routes may be followed at the School Committee's option under applicable state law. The method involving town meeting votes, whereby a single community has the power to block borrowing, has historically been used by the District.**

Proposed Agreement

- **Specifies that the current method must be pursued first, however, if rejected by one or more communities, the School Committee would then be permitted (but would not be required) to initiate a second attempt with a District-wide election. In this case, the aggregate vote would determine the outcome.**



[8]

Amendments to Regional Agreement

Current Agreement

•May be initiated by majority vote of the School Committee (or by petition as allowed by law) and requires approval by all member communities.

Proposed Agreement

•May be initiated by a 3/4 vote of all members of the School Committee (or by petition as allowed by law). The current requirement for approval by all member communities is unchanged.

Capital Assessment Model - Appendix A

Member Districts	Enrollment Basis			Chapter 70 - Combined Effort Basis			Capital Base Contribution Basis			TOTAL
	4 Yr. Rolling Ave. Enrollment Debit/Capital Assessment	FY15 Debt/Capital Assessment Share	Enrollment - 4 year rolling Average	Per Pupil Cost	Combined Effort Capital Assessment Share	Chapter 70 - Combined Effort	Per Pupil Cost	Capital Base Contribution	Per Pupil Cost	
Acton	2325	6.00%	\$30,019	\$1,291	3.73%	\$12,689	\$546	\$10,000	\$430	\$2,708
Arlington	12575	32.47%	\$162,363	\$1,291	31.82%	\$108,194	\$960	\$10,000	\$80	\$280,557
Belmont	3375	8.72%	\$43,577	\$1,291	8.97%	\$30,503	\$904	\$10,000	\$296	\$84,079
Bolton	975	2.52%	\$12,589	\$1,291	1.93%	\$6,563	\$673	\$10,000	\$1,026	\$29,151
Boxborough	7	1.81%	\$9,038	\$1,291	1.54%	\$5,243	\$749	\$10,000	\$1,429	\$24,281
Carlisle	825	2.13%	\$10,652	\$1,291	2.44%	\$8,289	\$1,005	\$10,000	\$1,212	\$28,541
Concord	1225	3.16%	\$15,817	\$1,291	4.53%	\$15,401	\$1,257	\$10,000	\$816	\$41,217
Dover	5	1.29%	\$6,416	\$1,291	2.48%	\$8,446	\$1,689	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$24,901
Lancaster	2175	5.62%	\$28,083	\$1,291	3.33%	\$11,335	\$521	\$10,000	\$460	\$49,418
Lexington	54125	13.96%	\$69,884	\$1,291	13.97%	\$47,482	\$877	\$10,000	\$185	\$127,368
Lincoln	5	1.29%	\$6,456	\$1,291	2.58%	\$8,770	\$1,754	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$25,226
Needham	29	7.49%	\$37,444	\$1,291	8.64%	\$29,361	\$1,012	\$10,000	\$345	\$76,805
Stow	24	6.20%	\$30,988	\$1,291	4.45%	\$15,116	\$630	\$10,000	\$417	\$86,103
Sudbury	14.5	3.74%	\$18,722	\$1,291	3.23%	\$10,974	\$757	\$10,000	\$690	\$39,898
Sudbury	8.875	2.29%	\$11,459	\$1,291	2.97%	\$10,113	\$1,140	\$10,000	\$1,127	\$31,572
Weston	5	1.29%	\$6,456	\$1,291	3.39%	\$11,523	\$2,305	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$27,979
TOTAL	3973	100.00%	\$500,000	\$1,291	90%	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$160,000	15%	\$1,000,000

Capital Allocation		
Debt Service	Enrollment	Combined Effort
Principal & Interest	50.0%	34.0%
Total Debt Service	\$1,000,000	\$340,000
		Per Community
		1.00%

Calculation Factor - Capital Base Contribution

Member Districts	Enrollment - Based on 4 year Rolling Average				Enrollment Based on 4 Year Rolling Average	Enrollment Count as of October 2010	Enrollment Count as of October 2011	Enrollment Count as of October 2012	Enrollment Count as of October 2013	Capital Base Con.
	2010	2011	2012	2013						
Acton	25	25	23	23.3	23.3	23	23	23	23	\$160,000
Arlington	153	123	102	125.8	125.8	102	102	102	102	100.0%
Belmont	30	37	37	33.8	33.8	37	37	37	37	
Bolton	11	9	9	9.8	9.8	9	9	9	9	
Boxborough	4	5	7	7.0	7.0	12	12	12	12	
Carlisle	12	9	5	8.3	8.3	5	5	5	5	
Concord	7	7	15	12.3	12.3	20	20	20	20	
Dover	1	2	1	1.29	1.29	1	1	1	1	
Lancaster	26	18	21	21.8	21.8	21	21	21	21	
Lexington	47	54	62.5	54.1	54.1	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	
Lincoln	5	4	3	3.74	3.74	3	3	3	3	
Needham	34	27	24	29.0	29.0	24	24	24	24	
Stow	22	25	29	24.0	24.0	29	29	29	29	
Sudbury	19	15	11	14.5	14.5	13	13	13	13	
Sudbury	7.5	8.5	8.5	8.9	8.9	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	
Weston	4	3	3	3.3	3.3	3	3	3	3	
Total	427.5	358.5	374.5	387.3	387.3	395.5	395.5	395.5	395.5	100.00%

Member Districts	Enrollment			Calculation Factor - Ch. 70 Combined Effort Capital Allocation			TOTAL - Combined Effort Yield @ Minuteman Share
	4 year Rolling Average	FY15 Total Foundation Enrollment	MM Enrollment + Community Foundation Enrollment	Total Combined Effort Yield	MM Enrollment + Community Foundation Enrollment	Combined Effort Capital Assessment Share	
Acton	23.3	4,801	0.48%	32,803,838	0.48%	158,860	3.73%
Arlington	125.8	5,306	2.37%	57,155,630	2.37%	1,354,965	31.82%
Belmont	33.8	4,099	0.82%	46,380,769	0.82%	381,886	6.97%
Bolton	9.8	1,022	0.95%	8,612,277	0.95%	82,162	1.93%
Boxborough	7.0	879	0.80%	8,242,134	0.80%	65,637	1.54%
Carlisle	8.3	947	0.87%	11,911,991	0.87%	103,774	2.44%
Concord	12.3	3,039	0.40%	47,833,917	0.40%	192,815	4.53%
Dover	5.0	1,164	0.43%	24,615,673	0.43%	105,737	2.48%
Lancaster	21.8	994	2.19%	6,485,683	2.19%	141,915	3.33%
Lexington	54.1	6,744	0.80%	74,070,559	0.80%	594,485	13.97%
Lincoln	5.0	876	0.54%	19,237,049	0.54%	109,801	2.58%
Needham	29.0	5,364	0.54%	67,992,775	0.54%	367,597	6.64%
Stow	24.0	1,270	1.89%	10,014,275	1.89%	189,246	4.45%
Sudbury	14.5	4,242	0.34%	40,193,980	0.34%	137,391	3.23%
Sudbury	8.9	2,652	0.33%	37,834,611	0.33%	126,615	2.97%
Weston	5.0	2,326	0.21%	67,113,795	0.21%	144,269	3.39%
Total	387.3	45,725	10.05%	565,449,995	10.05%	4,255,735	100.00%

FOOTNOTES:

Debt Service assumes annual payment of \$1,000,000 in Principal and Interest.
 Four Year Rolling Average is based on Minuteman School District - High School enrollment only as of October 1st. Minimum of 5 students per member district.
 Ch. 70 Combined Effort data was based on the FY15 Preliminary Chapter 70 Aid and Net School Spending Requirements dated January 22, 2014.

