Fiscal Policy Work Group - Commission to Study School Funding

Notes 10/29/20 10AM

Attendees: Dave Luneau, Chris Dwyer, Mel Myler, John Beardmore, Mary Heath, Dick Ames, Bill Ardinger, Rick Ladd, Jay Kahn. Also in attendance: Jordan Hensley. 10 public attendees.

Just after 10am Dave Luneau called the meeting to order and called the roll.

Dave began the meeting with a discussion of the fiscal policy workgroup’s principles, and the group worked to craft a set of general principles to be brought forward to the full Commission. The group worked together to edit the draft set of principles. Conversation included discussions on the nature of the state property tax, property classes, retention of excess SWEPT, targeted taxpayer relief programs, current statutory practices, scheduling, the state’s share of education funding, first and last dollar rule, student equity and distribution of education funding, how to use state dollars to address education, mandatory local minimums, accountability, and other principles.

Full video of the work group’s session discussing the draft of principles can be found on the Commission website: https://carsey.unh.edu/school-funding/resources/meeting-documents-video