

**Finance Committee Meeting**

February 05, 2018 5:30 PM  
Central Office  
35 Fifth Street

**Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Casey Picheco  
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara  
Mr. George Kurtyka

**I. Call to Order**

Discussion:

Also Present:

Mrs. Laura Harris  
Mr. Jim Gildea  
Mr. Jim Butler  
Dr. Matthew Conway  
Mr. Mark Izzo

**I.a. Opening Ceremonies**

**I.b. Roll Call**

**II. Public Participation**

Discussion:

No one was present from the public.

**III. FY18 Budget Status**

Discussion:

Mr. Izzo gave an overview of the FY 18 Budget. We are over budget in Special Education for the year. ECS will offset the overage.

**IV. Superintendent's Proposed FY19 Budget**

Discussion:

Mr. Izzo informed the committee that item IV. should have been Principal's Proposed FY19 Budget.

FY19 Budget Review:

Addition: .2 FTE ELL teacher at DMS  
Coaching increase of 1.0 FTE to add an assistant indoor track coach for DHS  
Increase to the Special Education Director's work year to 205 days  
Increase to Teacher's salaries due to degree changes  
Increase to Teacher Substitutes which will reduce our Other Purchased Services line  
Increase in non-certified staff lines due to contractual increases  
Increase in Security line for coverage for our Alternative Education classes  
Increase to Audit/Legal Services for upcoming contract negotiations for Custodians, Secretaries and DEA  
Reduction: 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher at Bradley School

Retirement line reduction due to the fact that there are no more early retirement incentive payouts

Mr. Butler asked the committee who is going to be maintaining the new Athletic Complex? Dr. Conway stated that he had a meeting with the architects earlier today and that was discussed. Training for staff will be included in contracts. Custodial/Maintenance staff for the complex would be discussed with Derby Public Works, Parks & Rec. and BOE.

Mr. Gildea asked how Mr. Izzo determined costs for special education tuitions. Mr. Izzo stated that he is using current special education students. We don't have any students aging out this year.

Mr. Izzo said that we are very fortunate to have the grant funding we do with the Alliance and PSD grants.

Mr. Butler asked if we are asking for Capital Planning funds. Classroom furniture was purchased with Alliance monies. Auditorium seats at DHS are being paid through a grant. Dr. Conway explained that the State is making districts utilize funds for academics more than in earlier years. We have many projects to work on: grease traps, asbestos abatement, pointing of brick work, HVAC update. We can go to referendum for the funds and would be reimbursed 74.3%.

## **V. Transportation Contract**

Discussion:

John DuFour has proposed a new contract starting 7/1/18.

5 year contract; +3% each year  
Savings of \$38K (2.8%) from option pricing  
Proposed daily bus cost on par/below surrounding districts

If we revise the contract we would need a bid waiver. If we go out to bid we risk All Star coming back with a higher percentage increase and we would have to take it.

Mr. Izzo stated that he didn't think we could do better than \$319.30 per bus.

Mr. Gildea asked if Dr. Conway and Mr. Izzo were happy with All Star. Both replied that Steve Gardner and John DuFour have been responsive and timely with any changes that were needed. They were available 24/7.

The Board of Education is responsible for the Bid waiver but will let the City know of our plans as a courtesy.

## **VI. Budget Timeline**

Discussion:

Mr. Izzo will be meeting with the Administrators tomorrow to review their budgets. They were told to hold at a zero increase.

The budget will be presented to the Board at the Committee of the Whole on March 6, 2018. The Finance Committee will meet again on March 12, 2018 for final revisions. Budget will be presented to the Full Board for a vote on March 15, 2018 and will go to the City by March 29, 2018.

## VII. Adjourn

**Motion Passed:** The Finance Committee adjourn its meeting. passed with a motion by Mr. George Kurtyka and a second by Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara.

Mrs. Casey Picheco                      Yes

Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara                      Yes

Mr. George Kurtyka                      Yes

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Terri Kuskowski  
Recording Secretary

Minutes are subject to approval at the next Board meeting.