BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT Business Operations/Resource Management Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: BO/RM Meeting type: Special

Date of Meeting: 6/15/22 Minutes submitted by: K. LaTourette

Members present: Greg Flanagan, Kim LaTourette Members absent: Amy Johnson, Ed Sbordone

Other attendees: Rich Sanzo, Pat Cosentino, Dominic Cipollone

Place of meeting: Special Meeting Access: BO/RM Subcommittee (6/15/22 at 6:00 p.m.) Web:

https://zoom.us/j/96848162879 Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 968 4816 2879

*Please note that meeting has been changed from an in-person meeting to a Zoom meeting.

Meeting called to order: at 6:02 p.m.

Greg made a motion to elevate Dom Cipollone to voting status, seconded by Kim LaTourette, all in favor.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. May 19, 2022 – Regular – approved by consensus

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Monthly Summary of Budget vs. Actual Expenditure/Encumbrances Report for FY 2021-22 at May 31, 2022 Dr. Sanzo reported that there is no significant news from last month's meeting. The report shows the expenditures that took place. We are in the ballpark of where we have been for the past several years. SPED continue to be the area that we need to manage. He will point out some projections to keep an eye on later in the meeting. One thing we were monitoring that is negative now is with Buildings and Grounds and maintenance. We have had to call in outside contractors to address broken pipes and issues with the fire alarm system at Consolidated. The gate receipts and participation fees have been credited to the accounts. We have received the final Magnet School transportation grant from the state and that will be credited soon. Some of our utility final numbers will be set within the next couple of weeks.
- B. Summary of Budget vs. Projected Year-End Expenditure/Encumbrances Report for FY 2021-22 at May 31, 2022 - Not much has changed overall since our last meeting. Our projection at this month is slightly higher than last month, but our final utility bills will help us refine our overall surplus in utilities and will affect other numbers, hopefully favorably. The Non-SPED and Non-Payroll surplus may be \$190,000. We continue to see a higher level of outside evaluations coming from PPTs and they can be quite expensive. These evaluations are essential to prepare for student needs. ESY will begin in June instead of July, so we can see some of the exposure here in June. Katherine Matz, Carrie DePuy and Rich did a zoom yesterday to review projections for next year for SPED costs and what we are anticipating. We are hoping that some students will return from out placement, which will provide some savings. There is the potential for a residential setting that will offset those savings though. Rich will ask this committee and the full board to give him and Carrie approval to cover the deficit, asking for excess grant cost from the town, and that any remaining deficit (\$87,000) be funded by using the IDEA grant ahead of schedule. This will allow the BOE to not end in a final deficit for the year, which is against the law. He will ask in what order to access the funds. There are other motions to address the objects so that we comply with auditor recommendations.

C. Food Service Management Company RFP Results – We received three bids for Food Services contract. There was a four-person committee to evaluate them. They opened the bids on March 25th and completed forms to evaluate the RFP. Aramark did not provide an entire bid package. New Fairfield could not go forward to evaluate their proposal. He reviewed the criteria used to score each of the RFPs. Chartwells was the winning bid. Chartwells has the best pricing for the amount that we will pay. The committee awarded the contract to them, and now the contract is with State Department of Education. We are hoping to sign the contract in the next few days. Chartwells is hoping to provide new choices and up the quality of the program. Aramark has been in New Fairfield for over 40 years, and for several years, Aramark was the only bidder. This is the first year in a while they were not. Bidding goes out every 5 years.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. End-of-Year Closeout for FY 2021-22

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Kim LaTourette Seconded by: Dom Cipollone

To bring End-of-Year Closeout for FY 2021-22 to the full Board of Education

Recording of vote: Aye – Unanimous

V. OTHER

Committee members thanked Dr. Sanzo for all of his hard work and said that he will be missed.

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Greg Flanagan Seconded by: Kim LaTourette Recording of vote: Aye – Unanimous Meeting adjourned at: 6:27 p.m.