

**Budget Committee Meeting**

November 21, 2016 5:30 PM  
Central Office Conference Room  
35 Fifth Street

**I. Call To Order**

**I.a. Opening Ceremonies**

**I.b. Roll Call**

**Present**

Christine Robinson  
George Kurtyka  
Andy Mancini  
Ken Marcucio  
Mark Izzo  
Dr. Conway

**II. Public Participation**

**No one from the public present**

**III. Overview of FY 17 Budget**

Mr. Izzo informed the committee that the FY16 spend down is complete except for the stairs at Irving and did quick overview of the makeup of the FY17 budget

FY17 we are encumbered/expended at \$15 million out of 17 million budget.

The only contract up for negotiations this year is the Paraeducator's contract. The business manager and superintendent met with the union to establish ground rules and scheduled 4 dates for negotiations between now and February which will be shared with the Board. Mr. Izzo stated that if we agreed to a salary increase it would need to be retro back to the beginning of the year.

We are keeping an eye on special educations costs. We are currently \$80/\$90,000 over budget, however, we are expecting excess cost monies to cover this gap.

The Chairman attended a meeting at ACES in which they reported a 5% tuition increase next year.

We are in good shape with salaries this year.

**IV. FY 18 Major Budget Items**

Our electric contract expires in November. Gas, oil and diesel contracts expire in August. Options are being reviewed for these contracts. Transportation will increase 5%. Contract expires at the end of this school year and we will be working jointly with area towns that use All-Star to negotiate a better deal moving forward.

## **Capital Planning**

The School Building Improvement grant will cover the window project for Bradley School and most of Derby High School; the balance will come from the capital budget. Bradley School still requires some brick repair which is in the 5 year plan. We purchased one snow removal vehicle for \$15,000; and have requested a 2<sup>nd</sup> for FY18. Beyond these items, FY18 capital plan includes furniture and a few other items.

### **V. FY 18 Guidelines**

Mr. Izzo reviewed the initial operating budget roll up. Salary increases are driven by contracts and there will be an increase to FICA. We are looking at an increase of 3% or \$361,000 in our salary line. We increased our legal line by \$5,000 as we will be negotiating the DEA contract next year. We will be refining the increase to our utilities as we go forward in the process. There is a 10% increase in transportation as we added bus monitors at \$20/hr. for the vans.

Effective August 2017 individuals 16 and under expelled for the first time would require the full 5 hours of instruction a day for 180 days. We are looking at forming an alternative school and regionalizing with area towns. Seymour and Ansonia have already reached out to Dr. Conway to start that discussion.

Current budget bottom line is an increase of \$600,000 or 3.4%. The committee discussed possible contingency plans and we will be meeting several times before the budget goes to the full Board for adoption.

### **VI. Budget Timeline**

The committee agreed to meet on the following dates:

January 9, 2017	5:30 p.m.
February 6, 2017	5:30 p.m.
March 7, 2017	5:30 p.m. before Committee of the Whole meeting
March 13, 2017	5:30 p.m.
March 16, 2017	6:30 p.m. budget to full Board

Mr. Marcucio will let Mr. Izzo know if he wants to meet to discuss changes to the budget book. Mr. Izzo explained that it will take time and money as we will have to get the consultant in to set up the changes.

### **VII. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Kurtyka, second by Mrs. Robinson. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Dina Gotowala  
Recording Secretary

Minutes are subject to approval at the next Board meeting.