

DRAFT MINUTES

**Greenfield Public Schools
Negotiations, Finance, & Budget Subcommittee Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2016

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Conference Room
141 Davis Street

Present:

Chair Nunez, Members Trip and Hollins (via phone)

Harper, Barber, Garand

Principals Toomey, Putnam, Sullivan, & Goodwin

Report from Recorder, Tom

Supporting Documents Received

- Prezi Document
- Newton school overview
- Munis report on projected costs of these requests
- Newton School ELT Report

6:08 Call to order

1. Public Comment-None
2. Unfinished Business-None
3. Reports from principals
 - a. Jake Toomey, Academy of Early Learning
 - i. Recommends max. class size of 16
 - ii. Highest priority requests: Custodian, Nurse, and Building Monitor
 - iii. Discussion on all points in prezi.

- iv. Barber: Tuition is variable due to sliding scale and will be discussed further at a later meeting when resources are discussed. Noted that no changes to the fee schedule over past two years.
- b. Nancy Putnam, Federal Street School
 - i. Discussion on Prezi points
 - ii. Emphasis on Title 1 Math instruction needs at Federal and district-wide
 - iii. Discussion on new “Wellness Center” currently staffed by paraprofessional. Request is to make the position a “behavioral tech”. Notes this will alleviate some responsibilities of the social worker.
 - iv. Noted that secretary could work 11 mos rather than 12 as requested.
- c. Suzanne Sullivan, Discovery School at Four Corners
 - i. Discussion on prezi points
 - ii. Emphasis on T1 Math intervention combined with library/media person (will replace part-time media person that is retiring)
 - iii. Current custodian is working overtime.
 - iv. Current art teacher is shared with Federal.
 - v. ADA compliance needed at rear entry and stage
 - vi. Chromebooks request is for 2 carts with 25 each
- d. Melodie Goodwin, Newton School
 - i. Discussion on all prezi points
 - ii. Notes variable enrollment due to homeless children
 - iii. Notes 80% DCF student body
 - iv. Emphasis on adding 1st grade teacher to decrease class size and respond to variable enrollment as needed.
 - v. Notes that paras are currently employed as long-term subs.
 - vi. Priorities are 1st grade teacher, then secretary
- 4. New Business-none
- 5. Super notes resourcefulness, not all requests will move forward, thank yous.

Adjournment 5:50 p.m.