

GREENFIELD SCHOOLS
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF 3.5.2018

With subcommittee quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m.

Present: Subcommittee members C.Ward (chair), Hollins. Martin (11:23). Also: School Committee members A. Nunez, S. Ekstrom; Superintendent; business consultant; D. Ellis; member of the public

1. Call to Order with a quorum present at 11:04 a.m.

2. Public Comment: Donna Woodcock: Budget Questions/Comments:

*ed assistant budget increases & number? Are increases re salary agreements or additional staff? If additional staff, related to students returning from private programs? [clarified as 108 or 109 ed assistants]

*supplies—general, office, instructional, etc. Should not all students have similar supply funding?

NS has \$7,000 less. Will significant decreases at GHS trigger NEASC notification?

*GHS elective program...was voted at \$250,000 total including \$40,000 supplies...shows reduction.

*text reduction to \$10,000...texts are \$100/each. Larger grade classes moving up. Need inventory and plan.

*Staffing of 5 English teachers at GHS?

3. Continued budget discussion: CW: All questions should be answered but no time at this mtg.

JH: working with same document today to avoid confusion, but made some changes.

CW: Opening statement: important that our bases are covered; questions are answered; decision

SH: Contractual Obligation Cost Center: Omissions? Clarify?

Administrative Expense Allowance. Omitted. Give value of \$30,000 under FY19 offset

Longevity Teachers; Longevity Non Teachers. In salaries. Return to line item

Sick Leave Buyback. Omitted. Include with estimated value.

Annuity GEA. Included now at \$18,000. Changes in sc budget doc and use should be voted.

JH: Re budgeted numbers, important to look at FY17 but also changes in use of offset funds;

Chris: Cannot rely only on FY17 actuals for this and other reasons

SH: Grade 5 Teacher clarification? JH: larger grade 5 teacher need offset by smaller Grade 6-7 need; no decrease in program, e.g. MSA

SH: Contracted Professional Services, p.7. Decreased too much? Use for goal projects?

MM: Use of consultants? CM: A future discussion

MM: OT/PT, line 24270? JH: pretty variable; often need temps; keep at draft budget level

AN: Human Resources support? WM: Requests 5-year history; liabilities fall to city

JH: A future discussion, maybe non-public session. No HR position in FY19 budget

WM: Who handles employment screening/ job postings? JH: Supt's office.

CW: Moves to add \$60,000 for HR position. Clarified as HR services. Consensus.

SH: Configuration of CO staffing, reconsider with Asst Supt for Curriculum & Personnel?

Future discussion. Current SC vote for Curriculum Coordinator, not Asst Supt.

SH: SW Text reduction from \$40,000 to \$10,000. Consensus to restore to \$30,000.

SH: North Parish: 50% Principal increase? 2:1 to continue at 50% for \$39,000.

TBD Revolving Fund or General Fund. SH suggests FY19 goal—early childhood staffing review.

WM: Take \$500,000 from Revolving Funds (CBreaker and SChoice) for operating budget.

Discussion re recent policy guidelines, e.g. \$600 or one year's receipts & following policy.

WM: Math Interventionist for Newton: Discussion. MM/SH Motion to add to school choice.

Consensus to review and vote at later date. WM: important to support equality of services across t schools. Support for remedial math by all. JH: math/reading support based on specific school need.

SH: Class size & district class size policy, elementary. JH: reasons for smaller classes.

WM: City-wide deficit (requests) for FY19 now at 1.1 million—still reviewing. School request not inc

SH: District-wide Professional Development. Omitted? Grant amounts? Required for Schl Comm to vote a district-wide PD plan and budget amount.

Staff: Percent of school psychologist added. 40%? Was requested at 50%.

AN: Summarizes: Today's budget recommendation is now just over 19 million.

4. Adjournment at 12:45 p.m

