

Finance Committee Minutes
January 7, 2020 || 4:00 PM
Keil Building || Third Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Todd Covault; Beth Nolan; Dan Oakes; Paul Fregeau; Fred Bouchard; and Jeff Dase

Others Present: Mary Ann Schloz; Chrissy Pettit; Courtney Carson; Henry Walker; Deanne Hillman; Andrew Taylor; Regan Lewis; Beth Creighton; Denise Swarthout; and Maria Robertson

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 PM. There was no public participation.

Covault Recapped the minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting:

- Open Enrollment
 - Twelve registered letters were sent to employees that had not completed their online open enrollment
 - Approximately three (3) employees have not completed their online open enrollment
- Transportation Extension
 - Henry Walker negotiated the renewal from 4% to 3.75%
 - Renewal will be taken to the Board on January 14th for consideration of approval
- Food Service Bid
 - Lunch Monitor contract is also up for renewal
- Pre-K Study
 - Superintendent Fregeau stated that he sent an email to Board members prior to the Finance Committee meeting with answers to Board related questions on this topic

Minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting were approved by acclamation.

Education Fund Expenditure Quarterly Report by Budget Control Group

- Report as of December 31, 2019 was briefly discussed with the committee
 - Education Fund = 41.49%
 - Buildings and Grounds = 51.22%
 - Transportation Fund = 30.94%
 - Services start in August; Payments are not made until September

Boundary Recommendations from December 10th – Update/Discussion

- Discussion regarding Hope Academy
 - Goal is to make Hope Academy a Boundary School
 - Finance Committee wants Administration to develop a transition plan for Magnet School to a Boundary School
- Discussion regarding Appeal Process
 - Include parameters and deadlines for staying at current schools outside of neighborhood boundaries
 - District Appeal Committee needs to be established as soon as possible

- Finance Committee members and members and other Board present intend to go forward with (approve) the recommendation that was presented at December 10th Board meeting
 - Boundary Recommendation will be presented for consideration of approval at the January 14th Board meeting

BOLD Facility Plan – Update/Discussion

- Current plan intentions were reviewed
 - Add four (4) classrooms at South Shores
 - No additional space currently planned for French
 - Gym spaces would be prefab concrete
- Current space issues were discussed
 - The issuance of Health Life Safety bonds requires replacement of equivalent square footage from Durfee and old Johns Hill.
 - South Shores likely doesn't need four spaces, but could plan for two with two additional as an alternate.
 - Two (2) classrooms could be added to either Parsons, Muffley, or west side of Franklin.
 - Two (2) classrooms could be added at “new” French providing space for future 7th and 8th grade students
 - Changes in design elements would require gym spaces to be built as metal gyms instead of precast concrete.
- Finance Committee members, along with other Board members present, support proceeding the following recommendation:
 - South Shores:
 - Add two (2) planned classrooms at South Shores
 - Level Floor before adding any additional classrooms beyond the base of two
 - Alternate bid for an additional two (2) classrooms contingent on available funding
 - French
 - Add two (2) additional classrooms at now French Academy, allowing for future expansion of the middle school program.
 - All Gymnasiums
 - Move forward with metal gymnasiums with alternate bids for precast concrete
- Julie Fane and Eldon Conn will be told about the updated recommendations before the January 14th Board meeting
- Discussion regarding Baum and Muffley
 - Administration will provide guidance, similar to the expansion of Dennis, allowing the two building staffs to develop the dual campus concept.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM