

# **BUDGET / FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**Monday, March 17, 2014**

**Oliver Administration Building**

### **Present**

**Subcommittee: Susan Rancourt, Chair; Marjorie McBride, and Paul Silva**

**School Committee, Administration and Staff: Diana Campbell (5:20 p.m.), Karen Lynch, John Saviano (5:09 p.m.), Melinda Thies, Mario Andrade, Pauline Silva and George Simmons**

**Susan R. called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION: Paul S. made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2014 and February 24, 2014 meetings; seconded by Marj M. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **New Business**

**Guiteras Field Scoreboard Discussion**

**Pauline S. reported that Christy B. has obtained a donation of money dedicated for the purchase of a 10-foot wide scoreboard to be installed at the Guiteras School field. George S. shared his recommendation for the placement of the scoreboard. In response to concerns raised by subcommittee members over placement issues of the scoreboard at Guiteras, George S. stated that he could install the scoreboard using a pin to allow it to swivel in one direction for baseball and then back to another position to accommodate Lacrosse. George S. commented that the cost to maintain the scoreboard would be minimal.**

**MOTION: Paul S. made a motion to approve installation of the donated scoreboard in the spring of 2014 at the Guiteras School Field; seconded by Susan R. The motion passed with a 2-1 vote; Marj M. dissenting.**

### **Lunch Price Equity**

**Pauline S. reported that the Bristol Warren Regional School District accepts money from the Federal Government for free and reduced lunches. As part of the free and reduced lunch agreement, a school system cannot use money received from the Federal Government to subsidize their own lunch program.**

**Using the formula provided by the Federal Government to calculate the amount to be charged by the District for paid lunches, the required paid lunch amount for SY 2014-15 will be \$2.65. Currently,**

for SY 2013-14, BWRSD charges \$2.64 for an average lunch price. Pauline S. stated it has been four years since the District has raised paid lunch prices. The Federal Government allows for a 10 cent cap when increasing paid lunch prices. In an effort to avoid raising paid lunch prices again in the short-term, a consensus was reached by the Subcommittee to raise the paid lunch price beginning SY 2014-15 by 10 cents which would increase the average elementary school lunch to \$2.60 and the secondary schools to \$2.85.

## **Old Business**

### **MHHS Summer Projects**

George S. reported that the MHHS Summer Projects are 99% complete. He cited a safety issue that needs to be addressed concerning the new doors that were installed near the folding petition wall which need to be secured to prevent the doors from swinging.

### **Guiteras and KMS Doors Update**

George S. reported that there was nothing new to report. The new panels that were ordered for the KMS doors to correct a color discrepancy are scheduled to be installed during April school vacation.

### **Fields Update**

The Guiteras Field – Schematic Design Landscape Construction Opinion of Probable Cost by Hali Beckman, Ltd. was discussed. George S. suggested using the exact listing of bid specs outlined by

**Hali Beckman, Ltd. when going out to bid. He stated that once the bids come in, a decision could be made to scale back specific items of the Guiteras Field Project bid specs.**

#### **FY14 Budget Update**

**Pauline S. stated there was good news concerning the “substitutes” budget line which is running at about \$70,000 to \$80,000 less than FY13 and FY12. Questions concerning the FY14 Budget Update were asked and answered.**

#### **FY15 Budget Update**

**Pauline S. stated there was nothing to report at this time.**

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**Approve reassignment of \$20K from Subs to Equipment to fund the Guiteras bells/PA system**

**MOTION: Paul S. made a motion that the request for reassignment of \$20K from Subs to Equipment to fund the Guiteras bells/PA System be moved forward to a full School Committee vote; seconded by Marj M. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Approve bid amounts for sale of surplus vans**

**After discussing the bids for the sale of the BWRSD surplus vans, a consensus was reached to table awarding of the bids until other possible options are explored.**

**Next meeting – Monday, April 21, 2014**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION: At 5:58 p.m. Paul S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Marj M. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

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