

BUDGET / FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Friday, February 20, 2015

Oliver Administration Building

Present

Subcommittee: Marjie McBride, Chair; John Bento and William O'Dell

School Committee, Administration and Staff: Karen Lynch (5:51 p.m.), John Saviano, Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent, Pauline Silva, Director of Finance & Administration and Paul Morris, Director of Technology

Marjie M. called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Bill O. made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 and February 10, 2015 meetings; seconded by John Bento. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

Approve recommendation to full School Committee of Maintenance Vehicle Bid Award

DISCUSSION: Marjie M. and Bill O. questioned why the bid responses showed a wide range of truck types. Bill O. requested details of the bid specs.

Pauline S. responded that the bid specifications were written in an open-ended fashion to allow for more variety and better pricing. George Simmons only requirement was for the vehicle to be suitable for a plow; specifically, one that could maneuver into smaller areas.

Bill O. felt it would be more beneficial to have the bid responses reflect similar type vehicles when making a determination for the best price.

After a lengthy discussion, a consensus was reached to recommend to the full School Committee awarding the Maintenance Vehicle Bid to Tasca Ford for the F150.

MOTION: Bill O. made a motion to recommend to the full School Committee awarding the Maintenance Vehicle Bid to Tasca Ford for the F150; seconded by John B. The motion passed unanimously.

Student Information System Contract

Paul M. shared that for the past four to five years, the Bristol Warren Regional School District has been investigating, updating their current Student Information System, a system that has not been updated or changed in 12 years. RIDE provided a small selection of Student Information System vendors to consider. A team comprised of administrators, staff, teachers, nurses, secretaries and clerks were charged with the task of evaluating the best vendor choice for the Student Information System.

(Karen Lynch arrived at 5:51 p.m.)

Paul M. stated that the team narrowed the choices down to the two best vendors, Skyward and Aspen. He shared the background for each of the vendors, and details about each Student Information System. Paul M. also outlined pricing details for both Skyward and Aspen.

Paul M. reported that the final unanimous selection for the next Student Information System was Aspen, a product that has been used by most districts in Rhode Island for the past six years; one that is user friendly, with proven results.

School Committee members asked further clarifying questions answered by Paul M.

MOTION: Bill O. made a motion to recommend to the full School

Committee accepting Aspen's Student Information System product; seconded by John B. The motion passed unanimously.

John B. further commented that he would like to have an assessment of the time clerks spend using the Student Information System tool.

(Paul M. left at 6:07 p.m.)

FY16 BUDGET UPDATE

Pauline S. reviewed the FY16 Preliminary Budget Proposal draft discussing summary level cuts and increases; high summary level of all funds (which must be UCOA compliant); intermediate level budget comparison/proposal (2015 to 2016 budget request); and revenue projections.

A discussion regarding new initiatives ensued.

Next meeting – Monday, February 23, 2015

Adjournment:

MOTION: At 7:12 p.m. John B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Bill O. seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

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