

## **EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**East Providence City Hall**

**145 Taunton Avenue**

**East Providence, Rhode Island 02914**

**August 24, 2010**

### **Open Session**

**Mr. Carcieri called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. School Committee members present: Luisa Abatecola, Robert Faria, Steven Santos, Antony Carcieri (Shannon Barbosa absent). Also present: Dr. Mario F. Cirillo, Jr., Superintendent of Schools; Lonnie Barham, Chief Operating Officer.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence were observed.**

**Public Comment I - None**

### **Reports**

#### **Superintendent's Report**

**A PowerPoint Presentation on the FY 2010-2011 Budget was made by Dr. Cirillo, Superintendent of Schools, Mary C. King, Finance Director, Kelly Ahrens, Technology Director, and Mr. Lonnie Barham, Chief Operating Officer. Highlights and summary attached.**

## **Consent Agenda**

**Personnel Appointments/Recalls – Personnel items were presented by Mr. Barham:**

### **Appointments**

**Diana Clarkin Operations Manager – Pupil Personnel (New – Effective 9/13/10)**

**Kelli Ann Gillis ELL Teacher – Francis Elementary (New – enrollment increase)**

**Lisa Anderson School Nurse-Elementary (Resignation-Lorraine Martel)**

**Andria DeVaul Goss Pre-K Special Education Teacher – Meadowcrest (Non-renewal replacement)**

**Tim Carney Boys' Soccer Coach-Martin Middle**

**Robert Rodericks Freshman Head Football Coach – EPHS**

### **Recalls**

**Michael Lefort Social Studies – High School (Personal Leave – Joe Lydon, one year)**

**Motion: Mr. Faria/Second: Mr. Santos. Vote 4-0.**

### **Requisitions – Bill Lists**

**Warrant #1014 8/18/10 \$ 1,650.00**

**Warrant #1015 8/18/10 \$13,975.10**

**Motion: Mr. Faria/Second: Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 4-0.**

**Eliminate Policies (Second Passage)**

**I.A. –Mission Statement**

**I.L . – Master Plans and Strategic Plans**

**II.G.1. - Inclement Weather**

**Motion: Mr. Santos/Second: Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 4-0**

**Public Comment II - None**

**A motion was made by Mr. Santos to adjourn at 8:30PM, seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 4-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant**

**Shannon Barbosa, Clerk of the Committee**

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# **Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Presentation For East Providence School Committee August 24, 2010**

## **Summary**

- Cuts Spending by \$1.5M Over FY10 Approved Budget**
- Accounts for LOSS OF \$2.8M in Education Aid Over FY10 > General Aid = Reduced by \$543,202 > ARRA Stabilization Aid = Reduced by \$1,193,093 > Student Equity Aid = Reduced by \$138,377 > Group Home Aid = Reduced by \$120,000 > Housing Aid = Reduced by \$810,000**
- Devotes \$500K to Deficit Elimination Plan**
- Asks for 3.5% Increase in City Appropriation but Stays Within Tax Cap**
- Absolute Minimum Required to Meet Operational Costs and Begin Deficit Elimination!**

## **Expenditure Highlights**

### **Changes From FY10 Approved Budget**

- Salaries decrease \$1,221,512 – (3.04% )**
- Benefits decrease \$953,928 – (5.88% ) > Increased co-payments, staffing changes and life insurance costs reductions > Assumes 10% increase in health insurance costs (BC/BS already approved for such % increase by Insurance Commissioner)**

- **Special Education Tuitions increase \$1.6M – +22.19% > FY10 budget was artificially low based on previous faulty census > Bradley program continues to reach maturity (100+ students)**
- **Transportation and non-public transportation combined decreases \$270,000 – (7.6%) > One-time FY10 settlement/cost cut of \$550K returns to budget > Non-public transportation costs increase due to new Statewide Bus Contract for out-of-district special education students – other districts experienced losses**
- **Utilities decrease \$276K – (17.73%) > \$117K expected for energy rebates, \$159K in lighting and weatherization, and contract changes**
- **Nursing/Therapy/Testing increases \$45K – +10.59% > Greatly under-budgeted in FY10 – New Director working to reduce these costs**
- **Technology increases \$337K – +92.32% > Under-budgeted in FY10 > Includes second 3-year equipment lease/purchase – required for District Technology Plan’s timeline to bring classrooms into the 21st century > Includes costs for TIENET software - \$50K-60K.**
- **Maintenance increases \$105K – +33.54% > Required to address some of the glaring infrastructure deficiencies in our schools –holds off major failures pending ESCO repairs and potential bond approved work > Required to ensure student safety, avoid code violations, and avoid possible City and State inspection closures**
- **ESCO Bonds - \$12M > Approved by Board of Regents for Energy related upgrades > Received initial approval from RIHEBC for these**

**bonds – final approval in early September > Financial advisor has issued RFP for sale of bonds with a tentative closing in early October > Johnson Controls will begin work immediately after closing > Bond addresses some energy related issues only – still have other maintenance issues to address in budget**

- **Bond referendum - \$15M > To address other critical school infrastructure upgrades and remaining energy related issues > On November 2010 ballot for voter approval. Public hearings and meetings to commence shortly regarding bond request > If approved, \$15M only addresses most critical needs**

- **Athletics/extra-curricular increase \$29K – +19.91% > More than ½ of the budget is for transportation > Brings school collections into centrally-controlled budget**

- **Textbooks & Instructional Supplies decrease \$4K – (.58%) > \$772K may seem high; however, textbooks and instructional supplies have been shortchanged every year for the past decade to pay for other “more important” things. > There is nothing else more important – these are the basic, essential tools of our trade that are absolutely required for successful teaching and learning. > Old, out-of-date textbooks and teachers buying instructional supplies have become things of the past and must remain so.**

- **Non-Instructional Supplies decrease \$163K – (50%) > Over-budgeted for FY10 because everything from toilet paper to Purell hand cleaner, to printer toner were under-budgeted and in extremely short supply for years.**

## **CONCLUSION**

- **Although the FY 2011 budget is on somewhat more stable ground, barring additional cuts, we still face a cash deficit in excess of \$6M+ owed to vendors and service providers.**
- **Our cash position will continue to be critical as we address the issue of this deficit through our deficit elimination plan. In four years, this \$6M+ backlog will be eliminated.**
- **For your awareness, many of our vendors and service providers will no longer do business with us and/or refuse to bid on new work because of our lack of timely payment and outstanding balances due.**
- **Many of these businesses are small, local businesses.**
- **Although we will begin regular payments again with the new fiscal year, the issue of our outstanding payables will continue to be problematic until the deficit elimination plan has concluded.**