

MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED 12/9/2014

Cumberland School Committee
Fiscal Subcommittee Meeting
11/18/2014
Time: 5:30 pm

Present:

School Committee Finance Subcommittee Members: Paul DiModica, Mark Fiorillo and William Dennen
School Committee Members: Lisa Beaulieu, chair and Raymond Salvatore, Vice Chair

Also Present:

Supt. Dr. Philip Thornton, Asst. Supt. Bob Mitchell, Business Manager Alex Prignano, Athletic Director Chris Tashjian, Parent Ed Ritchie and numerous students and parents in attendance.

Meeting was called at 5:30 pm

Item # 1

Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-PR-11-2014-19: Chimney Repairs at B. F. Norton Elementary School. Mr. Prignano talked about the awarding of the bid for repairs to Cornerstone Restoration of Barrington, RI in an amount not to exceed \$16,800.

Motion by Mark Fiorillo and seconded by William Dennen, approved 3-0

Item # 2

Discussion and/ or Vote to Approve Employment Contract: A. Deputy Director of Special Education was removed from discussion by Dr. Thornton

Item # 3

Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Payment for Girls Co-op Cumberland/Lincoln Ice Hockey Team for Years 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Dr. Thornton spoke that since the position of Deputy Director of Special Education not being approved that there is "breakage" at this time in that account and that the outstanding invoice not paid by the parents of the co-op team could be paid from that budget line and would be reconciled within the Athletic Account in January.

Mr. Prignano confirmed that there is currently a salary savings that could be used.

Motion by Mark Fiorillo and seconded by William Dennen, approved 3-0 in an amount of \$20,590.72 for the outstanding invoices.

Item # 4

Discussion and/ or Vote to Approve Payment for Girls Co-op Cumberland/Lincoln Ice Hockey Team for Years 2014-2015.

Dr. Thornton spoke again that since the position of Deputy Director of Special Education not being approved that there is “breakage” at this time in that account and that the for the current year co-op team could be paid from that budget line and would be reconciled within the Athletic Account in January.

Mr. Prignano confirmed that there is currently a salary savings that could be used.

Chairwoman Lisa Beaulieu spoke to those in attendance about the importance of being vocal during budget time and that this hockey program was a co-op program and was supposed to be fully funded by the parents. Also stressed the importance of following the process in getting a co-op program moved to a fully funded program and that this was not the case with girl’s hockey.

Asst. Supt. Bob Mitchell spoke as well about the school funding and coming to the town budget hearings.

Finance Subcommittee chair Paul DiModica, addressed the group stating that there is NO FUNDING for the next year and that the only reason we have money to fund the program this year was because of the position was not filled. Mr. DiModica also spoke of parent fundraising to keep the sport alive for next year.

Parent Ed Ritchie spoke about having a meeting with Dr. Thornton and expressed the group’s appreciation for funding the program this year and payment of the outstanding invoices. The parents would be having a meeting to talk about how to fund the program going forward.

Another parent spoke about the “confusion” of paying the invoices with former athletic director Frank Giesleman.

Motion by Mark Fiorillo and seconded by William Dennen, approved 3-0 to pay the invoice of \$18,642.89. Mr. Prignano was directed to have discussion with Lincoln to reconcile the invoices for the number of students participating.

Adjournment at 6:00 pm