TOWN OF BURLINGTON

Meeting Posting

Notice of Public Meeting – (As required by G.L. c. 30 A, c. §18-25)

DEPT./BOARD: Ways and Means School Subcommittee
DATE: Thursday, March 5, 2020
TIME: 5:00 P.M
PLACE: School Administration Conference Room

AGENDA*

School Budgets

• Agenda Subject to Change
Ways and Means School Subcommittee Minutes  
Thursday, March 5, 2020, 5:00pm.  
BHS Administration conference room

Present

Members:  Susan Harrigan, John Iler, Robert Neufeld, Jayashree Voruganti  
Administration:  Dr. Eric Conti, Nichole Coscia, Liz Mullin-Montes  
School Committee:  Steve Nelson

Discussion

[Voruganti] North Shore has two Burlington students currently, expect to add 2-3 more this year.  
$18k/student +$2.5k transportation/student + 1 SPED.

Three 3 students to Minuteman Votech.

[Harrigan] Will request Riggs move BPS W&M presentation from Apr 1 to Apr 15.

W&M had a variety of questions which were addressed by the BPS administration as follows:

Does administration plan to go over all budgets in School Committee meetings? - yes

When will Accommodated budget be available? – available for Mar 24 School committee meeting

What are BEA Units A and D (contracts under negotiation)? - Unit A works 187 days/year and are ‘typical’ teachers. Unit D works 200 days/year and are department/team chairs who evaluate teachers.

Budget p151 gas + electric + telephone are all level funded. - Estimates are from DPW/Town.  
Telephone charge is for VOIP system and does not include individual cell phones.

Budget p93 Educational supplies $347k – verified this is appropriate for number of iPads.

It was noted that budget p2 elementary per student costs are similar (student counts from p149)

FH $80,251 / 375 = $214  
FW $100,286 / 455 = $220  
MM $81,184 / 334 = $243  
PG $66,689 / 275 = $243

Discussion about teacher allowances – Pine Glen describes differently, but uses same dollar amount per teacher.

Town dept 152 HR budget allocates $49,598 to schools, but school budget p209 = $46,755 – Town amount is incorrect and Coscia is harmonizing this with Town.

Athletics budget p123 had ‘reconditioning removed’, but budget stayed the same? - this is a continuance of a previous year’s removal and not a new reduction.

Health services budget p139 Epipens $22k.  Don’t families provide these? – individuals supply, but school is required to also supply.
General FTE discussion.

**Open items:**

Coscia to provide list of stipends for athletics/clubs. List to include amounts, actual staffing with longevity.

Conti noted that MSMS musical in draft budget does not include associated stipends.

Coscia to resend breakdown of baseline FY20 operating and Accommodated budgets. This will include allocation of transportation increase and subsequent decrease.

Coscia/Conti to review cell phone charges to understand why they vary from $650-$900. Budget pp 163, 167, et al.

Coscia/Conti to review p149 Art supplies and understand why Pine Glen is much higher per capita than other elementary schools. May be related to SPED programs.

Conti to provide detail on budget p168 PD $47k (# of people, for what?)

Coscia to review Athletics insurance item and will check to see if current approach is more cost effective than adding to Town main policy. Nelson notes that schools/charitable organizations generally have their liability limited to $100k per incident. See https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartIII/TitleII/Chapter231/Section85K.

Coscia to provide list of grant/aid and other revenue estimates. Estimated to be ~$1.1M for entitlements and ~$100k other.

If included in final budget, Conti to provide # devices in budget p136 IHT Spirit system and understand ongoing costs.

Budget p8 L65 transportation assumes minimum increase of 1.5%. Noted that COLA should not be applied to mileage rates. - Iler to doublecheck CPI increase.

**Adjourned** 6:30 pm

Iler to email minutes to meetings@burlington.org