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August 8, 2019

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

The August 8, 2019 School Committee (SC) meeting was called to order by Brett Argall at 5:00 PM. He reported that the meeting is being broadcast live and recorded for future rebroadcasting.

School Committee Members present: Brett Argall (Chair), Lisa Brown (Secretary), Becky Charniak, Kelli Grady (Vice Chair)

School Committee Members Absent: Julie Moulder

Non-Voting: Business & Operations Manager Cortney Keegan, Superintendent Kevin Maines

Pledge of Allegiance

Student Representative Report

There was no report.

Public Comment & Communication

There was no comment.

Old Business/New Business

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: There was no new business.

Superintendent's Report

Chromebook Update

Superintendent Maines stated that Senator Fattman has confirmed that a \$45,000 appropriation to support the purchase, apps and maintenance for Chromebooks at the middle school has been approved.

Mr. Argall, Superintendent Maines and the SC thanked Sen. Fattman and Rep. McKenna. Superintendent Maines will send a formal thank you letter.

FY2019-2020 School Choice Summary and Projections

Ms. Keegan reconciled all the funds and accounts. She will have the final summary reports next Wednesday. The final reconciliation for School Choice between DESE and DOR is in June. The Regular Tuition Receipts is \$5,000/student. Ms. Keegan delineated out the Special Education increment.

The final FY2019 School Choice Revenues is \$915,675: \$637,400 in regular tuition and \$278,275 for Special Education. The final FY2019 School Choice Expenditures is \$286,076. \$358,689.10 was reclassified from School Choice into the General Fund.

For FY2020, \$1,731,671 is being carried over for projection, \$915,675 will be carried over for Revenue, \$1,000,246 is what is currently in the General Fund Budget as offsets to come down to the Town appropriation. The Fund Balance ending for FY2020 projection is \$1,401,346. Superintendent Maines will be proposing some additional items to come out of School Choice in the amount of \$151,319; therefore, the FY2020 updated Year End Projection is \$1,250,027. The estimated carry over going into FY2021 is \$810,788. A discussion was held.

School Committee & Sub-Committee Report

Accounts Payable Report

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Ms. Brown stated that on 6/30/19 she signed 4 batches totaling \$38,668.53, also on 6/30/19 she signed 5 batches totaling \$130,094.08, and on 7/18/19 she signed 2 batches totaling \$7,334.18.

Consent Agenda

Minutes: July 17, 2019

-Ms. Grady made a motion to approve the July 17, 2019 School Committee meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Charniak seconded the motion. Vote: Aye-4.

Proposed Recall Positions

After meeting with the Budget Subcommittee on Tuesday, Superintendent Maines asked the SC to consider restoring the part-time DES nurse, the 9 DHS department head stipends, and the school year clerk shared by DES and DMS. All these positions were in the original proposed budget. A discussion was held.

-Ms. Brown made a motion to recall a 0.5 FTE DES nurse, the 9 DHS department head stipends, and the 1.0 FTE school year clerk shared by DES and DMS for a total of \$71,318.97 for the FY2020 budget. Ms. Grady seconded the motion. Vote: Aye-4.

DMS STEM Teacher and Purchase of Chromebooks

Superintendent Maines proposed adding a DMS STEM instructor and purchase 115 Chromebooks, at a cost of \$30,000, for DES to be placed in carts to be used at each grade level and to be used for testing. STEM would be a fourth Related Arts program and would align Douglas well for the Northwest Educational Association Grant. A discussion was held.

-Ms. Grady made a motion to approve a 1.0 FTE STEM teacher at the middle school at an estimated cost of \$50,000 for the FY2020 budget. The funding source will be School Choice. Ms. Charniak seconded the motion. Vote: Aye-4.

-Ms. Brown made a motion to approve the purchase of 115 Chromebooks for the elementary school at an estimated cost of \$30,000 for the FY2020 budget. The funding source will be School Choice. Ms. Charniak seconded the motion. Vote: Aye-4.

Superintendent Maines summarized the SC's actions as follows: kept the district whole from last year, added an academic learning experience for three grade levels, and purchased approximately 300 Chromebooks for a cost to the district of only \$30,000.

Superintendent Maines hopes to start interviews for the recalled positions by Wednesday of next week.

School Business and Operations Manager Report

Transfers and Reclassifications

There were no transfers or reclassifications.

Adjournment

-Ms. Charniak made a motion at 5:32 PM to adjourn the School Committee meeting. Ms. Grady seconded the motion. Vote: Aye-4.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Wright
Recording Secretary