

Region #9 Board of Education
Meeting of the Committee on Financial Oversight
April 7th, 2005
Location: Joel Barlow High School Redding, CT
Minutes

Attendance: Coppinger, Eichhorn, DeSalvo, Poltrack, Gombos, Cable and Herrmann
Admin: Calabro, McLiverty
Public: Kubic

Ms. Gombos calls the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 31st meeting of the Region 9 Financial Oversight Committee as amended.

Maker: Eichhorn/DeSalvo

Mr. Coppinger notes that the Date at the top of the minutes is incorrectly stated as March 14th. The Date should be amended to March 31st.

Motion Passes unanimously. (Coppinger, Eichhorn, Gombos, Poltrack and DeSalvo)

Ms. Gombos asks that the minutes be sent to Linda Loud at the central office and that Linda will distribute the minutes.

Ms. Cable arrives at 6:50 pm.

Public Comment

Ms. Kubic asks the following questions

1. What is the total number of Students as of Oct 1st, 2004 (Mr. Calabro states the official number is 985)
2. Total \$ value of the in lieu of insurance payments in the proposed budget? (Mr. McLiverty will get the exact number)
3. Are those payments Taxable? (Mr. McLiverty states that the benefits are taxable.)
4. What are the total Legal expenses for the building project? Mr. McLiverty will compile a list indicating all categories of Legal expenses on the project from day 1.

Discussion and possible action on building project invoices from the C3 committee.

No invoice this week.

Concrete curbing will be put in next week and the paving should be completed during the April Break.

Mr. Poltrack states that currently we are on target and under budget. Litigation will have a significant impact on the under/over.

We have had a tentative settlement with one of the lawsuits

The settlement with Warehouse Stores should be received by Carmody and Torrence this week.

Ms Cable states she has received two phone calls that a teacher has told his students that the building project has run out of money again and that a custodian is now in charge of the project because O&G has had to leave the project.

Mr. Calabro will investigate the rumors and determine the appropriate action to take.

Mr. Calabro states that the rumor is absurd. We have not run out of money, O&G have not left the job and we have not left control of the project in hand of a custodian.

Mr. Herrmann arrives 7:00 pm.

Ms. Gombos states the administration should have a policy that teachers not discuss the finances of the district with students during budget season.

Mr. Poltrack will write a letter updating us on the C3 committee and run it by the chair of the communications committee (Ms. Eichhorn) in an effort to refute the rumors stated above.

Review and possible action on the Draft Capital reserve plan and guidelines.

Mr. DeSalvo change repairs to renovations.

Mr. Calabro gives brief explanation of the Capital improvement plan.

- Technology Plan \$920K
Item \$20K would be for presentation equipment and the \$300k in the each of the next three years would be for stepping into the replacement of computers. Almost all the current computer was purchase in one bulk purchase.

Ms. Gombos asks that technology group examine different replacement options.

Mr. Calabro will also look to co-ordinate any purchase with the other two districts as well.

Mr. Herrmann talks about recurring capital expenditures

Computers should be replaced on an ongoing basis.

Mr. Poltrack leaves at 7:30 pm

- Field maintenance

The town of Redding will be going for a maintenance program for their town fields. The decision on that issue will give us direction.

Walter is pursuing KBA for a maintenance plan for our fields .

We would like to see the costs associated with maintaining a field with only natural methods and with herb/pesticides.

- Outdoor storage building would be a permanent structure something under 200 sq ft. to store athletic equipment and maintenance equipment.

Back flow preventers should be left as a one time expense and then it trns into a maintenance item.

- Track resurfacing \$56k
The track will need to be resurfaced soon in order to prevent a complete replacement.
Gate receipts: Keith will formalize a gate receipt policy/plan/process
- Improvement to fields: we need to estimate the cost of steps for the softball field.
Keith will research the details to consider for the building of stairs.
- Technology: Present a new plan in mid May.
- Video production: lighting was a scope reduced item in the building project
- Treadmill: Pam will address this when she makes her presentation in May and growth report in September.
- Furniture and fixtures: we currently have 51 classrooms we probably need to replace 5 classrooms per year. We need to discuss and adopt a plan to replace all furniture, possibly segmenting by department.

Next Meeting April 26th, 2005 will be a joint meeting with the BOE.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Maker: Coppinger/Eichhorn

Motion Passes Unanimously (Coppinger, Eichhorn, Gombos, Herrmann, Cable and DeSalvo)

Submitted April 27th, 2005

Paul N Coppinger

FOC Secretary