

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

**Wednesday, January 28, 2015
6:30 PM**

**School Administration Building
417 Rock Street
Fall River, MA 02720**

AGENDA

- Second quarter budget transfers
- Second quarter revolving fund
- Healthcare update

MINUTES

At 6:32 PM Mrs. Panchley called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call for attendance that showed Mr. Costa, Mr. Hart, and Mrs. Panchley were present.

Also present were Superintendent Mayo-Brown, Mr. Michael Saunders, Mr. Kevin Almeida, and Mr. Tom Coogan.

Mrs. Panchley then read the Open Meeting Law.

1. Second quarter budget transfers

Mr. Saunders explained that the top sheet of the handout contained the budget balances as of today, January 28, as they discussed at the last School Committee meeting. The issue came up that they were doing the transfers into contractual services and he has proposed those transfers there. The money would be coming out of the vacancies or what they actually called breakage which is when someone has left the district and there is a new hire at a lower salary creating a savings within there. He tried to keep the dollars together. There is \$325,000 that they were putting in to cover contracts that were already let out on speech services. The money would come out of vacancies that they had within the special ed. area. The second amount is for \$50,000 for a contract with Uaspire at Durfee and there was already some savings within the Durfee salaries for the \$50,000.

Mr. Saunders explained on future contracts that come before the School Committee, he would also do any kind of transfers at that time if they are needed so that they do not get into a situation like this again. It would probably go directly to the Committee as a whole because they might not have a finance subcommittee meeting ahead of time. Also, in a situation such as Brian Roberts, those contracted services are really temporary employees which would be an SNON (30-60 days). It works better to pay them through payroll so that they can get paid faster. It is more for notification to the School Committee that these are really temporary contracted persons that go into payroll. They are under the district's supervision so they are not independent contractors and wouldn't really qualify as contracts. The only issue that comes up is when they try to do average salaries because they would not

be an actual FTE so the salaries might seem a little inflated; but they are temporary employees that they are paying through payroll and it would actually go against the professional service contract. He believes they have always gotten used to notification if they were going to be putting somebody on so he thinks they might have to move that into an SNON contract situation or a temporary employee so the School Committee would be notified.

Mrs. Panchley asked what the object code for that would be.

Mr. Saunders said in the case of Mr. Rose it would have been at the professional service level, it would not be under 53000. He believed Mr. Costa asked him if it really belonged to 53000 or if it belong under professional services. Those people are really employees of the district. The only thing he was concerned with was the authority to hire temporary people but he believes temporary employees can be put on the payroll by the Superintendent and removed by the Superintendent. It is a matter of figuring out how they notify the Committee so they do not think it is just happening on the side. They will have to come up with a mechanism for notification but it would not be an actual contract.

Mrs. Panchley asked if the person who does that position full-time has a contract.

Mr. Saunders said that would be an FTE/full-time person.

Mrs. Panchley asked if that was a contract that the School Committee approves.

Mr. Saunders said yes, that would be an SNON contract.

Mrs. Panchley questioned if they could have handled it similarly with this case.

Mr. Saunders thought that is how they should do it moving forward.

Mrs. Panchley said they had the company who was going to do the parent engagement that they did not vote on because of this situation. She sees they have \$95K left in that which would cover that contract and wondered if it was kept in mind when they were doing the transfer.

Mr. Saunders explained that right now he was just trying to cover the speech items. There were some other items that he has to find out if they are going to contract or not. He could be coming back with contracted service adjustments again.

Mrs. Panchley recalled that February 1 through June 30 was the time frame for that and time was of the essence so she just wanted to make sure...

Mr. Saunders said it was enough to cover it right now but all those contracts from now on; whenever they add them in they will also do budget transfer at the same time.

Mr. Costa asked about a breakdown on the SPED position vacancies. He asked what the services were and how many they were talking about.

Superintendent Mayo-Brown asked Mr. Saunders to respond.

Mr. Saunders believed there were three positions still open.

Mr. Costa asked if the breakage was three SPED positions.

Mr. Saunders responded three FTEs.

Mr. Costa asked where they were coming from.

Mr. Saunders said there were three coming out of speech; two positions at the Boys Club that are not currently being used; and one of the other programs that he did not know off hand made the sixth positions.

Mr. Costa asked if the transfer represented three of those six.

Mr. Saunders said it represents six positions to come up with the \$325,000.

Mr. Costa asked for clarification and Mr. Saunders explained it was three from special education, two from the Boys Club, and one additional one for the six positions.

Mr. Costa asked if the three from the SPED department were for speech and Mr. Saunders said yes; all of those were under SPED so they are providing the services in those areas.

Mr. Costa said he is just trying to find out if this goes forward, how many vacancies they are eliminating by making that transfer.

Mr. Saunders said six.

There was further clarification as to where the positions were coming from.

Mr. Costa asked the reason for the reduction in SPED FTEs at the Boys Club.

Mr. Saunders said the numbers did not support the need.

Superintendent Mayo-Brown said there was also a teacher-in-charge who retired and the principal of the Stone now oversees the building.

Mr. Costa asked if they were unable to find someone to provide those services so they need to move that to contracted services.

Mr. Saunders said that was correct but they are still advertising for those positions and if they are able to fill them they would transfer the money back.

Mr. Costa clarified that this is just so that account has enough funding to execute contracts for the service. In the event that they find someone to fill that FTE the money would follow the person back into the position.

Mr. Saunders said that was correct.

Mr. Costa said he is not opposed to transfers from one line to the next but his concern is that if he is going to be supportive of the transfers he wants to know where the money is coming from and what impact it may have on the line item that it is coming from. He is okay with them as long as Mr.

Saunders can get him the last unknown position so he knows where it is coming from and a brief rationale behind it/what it is attributed to. The contracting for SPED services is coming from 511220 and going into 530000 and the \$375,000 represents the six positions they discussed.

Mr. Saunders said that was correct.

Mr. Costa asked where the positions were that were transferred to Henry Lord from other elementary schools.

Mr. Saunders responded that those positions were paraprofessional positions and staying within the para location. They are just positions that moved from the elementary schools to Henry Lord. There is no change in the para line. When they built the budget last year they built for 21 teachers and the paras went with the students and they did not know who those students were until after a period of time when they moved.

Mr. Costa said it is not necessarily a transfer from one line to the next; they are just identifying that within that pool of allotted budgeted funding for paras that some of the money is being diverted towards a need for Henry Lord.

Mr. Hart asked what the code was for professional services.

Mr. Saunders said it was the first one listed (511200).

Mr. Hart asked regarding the ending balance that they have, if it was safe to say that at the end of the fiscal year those line items would have some left over amounts/asked what the history has been.

Mr. Saunders said that history has been that they spend down that money to below \$5,000 and he tries to get it to \$0. They are finishing up on some negotiations so they will be coming back with better estimates. Right now they do not anticipate a deficit in the budget that they have but they will talk about net school spending (NSS) later in the meeting.

Mr. Hart asked if he was comfortable that what they have in the line items is sufficient and will cover everything they want to do.

Mr. Saunders said that was correct.

MOTION: Mr. Costa – Mr. Hart: To refer the transfers to full Committee.

No discussion

All were in favor

None were opposed

Motion Passed

2. Second quarter revolving fund

Mr. Saunders explained that these were revolving funds that they have under their control. To address questions that were raised previously; under the Use of Schools they still have the \$25,000 reserve set up inside of there for the security training on the buses.

Mr. Costa asked if that process has begun in terms of utilizing that money. He thought in good faith they should probably begin to explore ways to utilize the money for training purposes. The sanction was not intended for that money to sit in an account. He asked that they explore what the needs may

be in the district and look to come up with a proposal to submit to the Committee so that they can roll out the training. If the needs are not there right now he doesn't want to spend it for the sake of spending it either.

Superintendent Mayo-Brown said they are looking for some direction from the Committee if they want them to target specifically for transportation or broader school security in terms of working with students. They can bring proposals forward to the Committee for consideration on either of those.

Mr. Costa thought there was specific language in the motion that it needs to be used for safety programs.

Mr. Coogan thought safety programs specifically tied to transportation.

Mr. Costa said as long as the motion or contracts in which they are drafted for transportation companies don't prohibit them for using it for a different reason then he would like to see different proposals.

Mr. Hart thought it was bus safety.

Superintendent Mayo-Brown said not for employees but for students.

Mr. Coogan said at the time of the incident a big part of the companies counter offer was that they would provide the training for them in lieu of paying the penalty. In essence, they were trying to counter by saying they would provide the bus safety training to mediate the penalty but at the same time he does not think the language that is in the contract for that penalty indicates that it has to be used for bus safety training. It says for safety training of buses or any other thing as designated by the Superintendent. He said he could get the language and send it to the Committee.

Mrs. Panchley thought safety training would be better used in other areas that students could benefit from more so than the bus safety.

Mr. Coogan said for the Committee's and public's knowledge; they do bus evacuations and safety training on buses every September and October at the start of the school year. It does take a while to get to all the buses that they run and it is completed by mid to late October. They have already had one safety training this year so he is not sure what else could be done.

Mr. Costa said the type of bus safety training that he envisioned at the time for the students was more along the lines of safety while at the bus stops, being aware of their surroundings, how to safely get on and off the buses, when to enter the road way, etc. If they are doing similar trainings already, he would be okay with the money being used for other initiatives but initially that was his thought process; but whatever the administration has for them for proposals he thinks will be money well spent.

Mr. Hart asked how long the enclosure on Elsbree Street at the Durfee bus stop had been there for.

Mr. Coogan thought about three months.

Mr. Hart asked if the district paid for it.

Mr. Coogan said no; they had gone through the City Council on it. Councilor Joe Camara had initially reached out to SRTA. The district paid for the slab and they supplied the installation.

Mr. Hart said he was just wondering because he had noticed it over the weekend and thought it looked great. He wondered if they could get more throughout the city.

Mr. Coogan said they have them at BCC and President Avenue. The only students that they have ride the SRTA buses are typically Durfee students.

Mrs. Panchley asked if the safety proposals would come back to the subcommittee or to the Committee as a whole.

Mr. Coogan believed they could send it to the Committee of the whole because they had discussed it before.

Mrs. Panchley thought it had been brought up another time and she wants to make sure there is a plan of action going forth.

Mrs. Panchley continued that she knows the last time when they did the September balances there was a negative balance that was of concern. Everything is in the positive which was positive.

Mr. Saunders said they had a negative balance because they were waiting on reimbursement from the FRAA and that has taken place and now they are in the positive.

Mrs. Panchley said the only other thing she would say is that the school lunch balance continues to increase and wondered if they needed anything for the program that they could utilize some of that money for.

Mr. Coogan said there are some capital projects that they suggested such as revamping the cafeteria and kitchen area at the Watson School for the end of the year and he is gathering some estimates on that. They recently did some repairs at the loading dock at Durfee. The Committee just authorized three trash compactors that haven't been charged to the account yet as well. There are some capital projects going on that will help shift some costs away from the operating budget to nutrition and putting the costs where they are really being generated from. There is roughly \$125,000-\$150,000 in capital projects already on the board and they do have a few other pieces they are putting together and doing some inventories on a few other pieces of equipment that they may recommend some other projects before the year ends.

Mr. Costa asked regarding the athletic events who was in charge of collecting the money and who kept the books on it. He asked the process once the gate fees were collected/checks and balances and questioned what expenditures could be made out of that account.

Mr. Almeida explained that a numbered ticket is handed to a person when a ticket is purchased so there is reconciliation from where they started and ended. They are verified by the people at the door who then turns them over to the athletic director who makes sure what is reported is there and then submits the deposits weekly. In regards to what they can spend it on, when they started the fund they were trying to use it for things that were more capital in nature and related to fields and major repairs that they can't pay out of operations. That was the initial intent of the money that is in there.

Mr. Costa asked if he meant from athletic events or use of schools.

Mr. Almeida said from the athletic events. Currently what is spent out of there are items that they are not funding out of operations such as a major athletic equipment purchase that cannot be funded/things above and beyond what they pay for out of operations.

Mr. Costa asked if a formal request was made or if the athletic director had carte blanche of spending out of that account.

Mr. Saunders said he cannot just spend it on anything but it does not come back to the School Committee.

Mr. Costa said he is not asking for it to but he is just trying to figure out who is in the loop during that process. There are funds coming in that the Committee is ultimately responsible for and he is just wondering what expenditures are being made out of that account because he hasn't seen any. He knows they pay the scorers, referees, and maybe some of the security or custodial details depending on the type of event. It is a good chunk of money so he is just looking to find out who authorizes the purchases out of that account and if no one does, they need to talk about better checks and balances.

Mr. Saunders said the authorization on the expenses is through the athletic director. They will come back with a breakdown of the expenses.

Mr. Costa said he would defer to the Chair but wondered if there was a motion in order to get a breakdown on a quarterly basis on the expenditures out of that account.

Mr. Costa said if he is ever questioned where the money goes he would not have any explanation.

Mr. Saunders said they would give them a multi-year breakdown of things that are every day and those that are not.

Mr. Costa thought more of an FYI narrative on a quarterly basis would be fine. He wondered again through the Chair if a motion was in order.

Mrs. Panchley said she did not know and asked Mr. Saunders his thoughts.

Mr. Saunders said that he will provide it in the third quarter report and put it in as part of the process. He does not remember them buying any equipment but will put together a report.

Mr. Hart asked if a coach put a requisition in for equipment for items that may be needed, if that money was spent on those items.

Mr. Saunders said there is money set aside in the operating budget for those types of replacement items (uniforms, balls, etc.). He does not recall spending a large amount of money on any of that type of equipment from this account. He added that the new PE/Health Director provided him with a list of items and it was sent through the Office of Instruction to be reviewed because it has an educational purpose and that requisition is now in process. It is not like they spend without some other part of it. His own belief is that they have been accumulating money in this account to come up with a balance to start spending the money. Similarly the items would go to the AD and he would look to see what he has in his current budget and they would adjust.

Mr. Hart said it just seems like there is a lot of money in that account for just officials, scoring, etc. so he thinks it is a good idea to get a report.

Mrs. Panchley asked if ice rental came out of the operating budget for hockey.

Mr. Almeida and Mr. Saunders responded yes.

Mrs. Panchley noted the golf team does not have access to practice except one day a week. They do not pay for them to use the Country Club so for limited money they could get the same opportunity the hockey team has to be able to practice a few days a week. She thinks it is definitely something that is in order. It did not seem appropriate for that line item if it is for capital expenditures but she thought they were only talking about a couple of thousand dollars that needed to be added to the budget so that that team could practice like other teams.

Mr. Costa said to her point if there is money in the operating budget for athletics that items could be purchased with could free up that money. That is another reason why having that information would help them better decided what could be used out of the accounts.

Mr. Almeida said for the last couple of years they have vamped up the middle school athletics so that is an additional cost they have had.

MOTION: Mr. Hart – Mr. Costa: To approve the second quarter revolving funds and refer to the full Committee.

No discussion

All were in favor

None were opposed

Motion Passed

3. Healthcare Update

Mr. Saunders said the cover sheet of their handout is the worksheet for FY15 on the net school spending process. There is an attachment that shows the detail that they are projecting out for the healthcare costs. He then went over the document and noted that when they met with the city they said it was running \$800,000 below the projected expenses; they have reports up to \$1.6M. The current estimate they feel comfortable with right now is \$1.3M/almost \$1.4M that they are running below on expenses. The effect of that is that the current FY15 projected expenditures that are eligible for NSS that will not hit NSS by \$1.1M and that is in the current year. When the city gave them the transfer of \$911,000 they were looking to be positive \$200,000 now because of healthcare costs there is \$1.1M in the budget that is in healthcare that should come over the school department to be used for education purposes in the current year. That does not address the \$3.3M carryover which was the original one and it was reduced to \$3.1 because of the \$200,000. That \$200,000 has disappeared and they have another \$1.1M so they are looking right now with last year's carryover at \$4.5M. He believes they are going to be closer in both years to the \$5M than they are to \$4M.

Mrs. Panchley said that the city is not technically on the hook for \$500,000 until the next budget.

Mr. Saunders responded that the city has deferred \$400,000 this year that they have to pay the district eventually. The problem they are running into right now is that they are still not meeting net school spending (NSS) in the current year and did not meet it last year and neither one of those issues has been addressed. They are going into the FY16 budget cycle with those issues still outstanding.

Mrs. Panchley asked if he knew what the percentage is when he put in last year's and wondered if it put them close to 95%.

Mr. Saunders said they are heading down towards the 95%. He thought they were at 96% which could jump but he would not know until the new projection comes out with the Governor's budget what the NSS for FY16 is going to be.

Mrs. Panchley questioned how it could be figured out.

Mr. Saunders said they were at 97% and are probably down to 96% right now if they look at the carryover.

Mrs. Panchley asked if he could extrapolate that for the meeting of the whole and give them a figure.

Mr. Saunders agreed.

Mr. Costa asked Mr. Saunders if meetings or communication occurred with his office and the city administrator regarding the projections. He thought Mr. Saunders said the last time they met the city was at around \$800,000 and we were around \$1.3M and now things have changed a little bit.

Mr. Saunders said they met in December. Since that time - with the recall election and the new Mayor - they haven't had discussions with the newest administration yet.

Superintendent Mayo-Brown said that she has met with both the transition team as well as Alan Silva as recently as two days ago and he is waiting for this information but she felt it needed to go before the finance subcommittee prior to them releasing it to the city. They are aware that it was at least \$1M short this year based on healthcare.

Mr. Costa said after this meeting it is public record so sending it to City Hall is fine. In addition, he wanted to make a motion to send this information to all members of the City Council with an explanation of not only the shortfall from last year but also what it is looking like because of the under projected healthcare costs on the city side for this year.

Discussion

Mr. Costa said he did not want to go into next budget cycle with discussions about timeliness of Councilors and the city knowing they were on this slide of not meeting NSS. The Council was pretty adamant about wanting to fund schools at 100% of NSS and they cautioned them that they could make that NSS look like whatever they wanted and over inflate healthcare but the reality is as they sit right now in February they are under 100% of NSS and on target to have that number continue to decrease and not go closer to 100% of NSS. He thought it was prudent to let them be aware and send the documentation with a cover letter spelling it out for each member that the Council. The concern is that there has been no discussion that he is aware of about when the shortfall from last year will be made up. All of that conversation died down and he understands that the new administration is trying to get a handle on things but waiting to break this news or have this conversation is not going to make the decisions that are going to need to be made by their administration any easier. All he is looking for is to clear the finance subcommittee and the Committee as a whole that ample communication was made with the city and the City Council regarding where their finances are and where they are headed so that there are no surprises. If he heard Mr. Saunders correctly he said they would end up closer to \$5M in a deficit and at this point he doesn't know that the city could afford half of that let alone all of it. If the City's transition team and the administration are starting to figure out what deficits they may have for the entire city, this is information that he thought they needed and deserved to have and he wanted them to have it so that they could continue to have a conversation as to how they are going to rectify it. The longer the budget goes through its life expectancy, the less money they have because

that money is committed and when that happens they have a smaller piece of the pie to make it right. The longer they wait to have the conversation, the less opportunity they will have to turn the ship.

MOTION: Mr. Costa – Mr. Hart: To send this information to all members of the City Council with an explanation of not only the shortfall from last year but also what it is looking like because of the under projected healthcare costs on the city side for this year.

Discussion

Before the motion was seconded, Mrs. Panchley asked to add the percentage as well because she thought it would be important for them to know what that percentage is when they include FY14 because they are going to be concerned when they see it is getting close to 95%.

All were in favor	None were opposed	Motion Passed
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Superintendent Mayo-Brown said they had a matter that was referred to the finance subcommittee from the facilities and operations subcommittee regarding capital projects and she asked that Mr. Coogan have an opportunity to disseminate that information even though some of them are on the F&O subcommittee. Speaking on the heels of money that needs to come to the school department, they had an initial conversation that should that money come – thinking in terms of it being one-time money – what are some of the capital project needs and there is some complexity around if you spend over a certain amount, it is not counted for NSS anyway so they have to figure in all of that. Mr. Coogan wanted to discuss that and needed some help with what the Committee’s preference is in terms of prioritizing the projects. Some have to be prioritized and others they are looking for some direction from the Committee.

Mr. Coogan said it is quite an extensive list and was broken down by school. There is approximately \$200,000 in projects that were considered to be critical and should be moved forward should they come across the money. The rest are more discretionary and they can see the various sizes depending on the will of the Committee. Facilities suggested they send it over to finance and two of those members are already present. They did not prioritize beyond the ones that were indicated in red on the list. All others were left for the Committee to decide which ones to move up or down.

Mr. Costa said he had not had the chance to see them nor did Madame Chair but he thought it was important to move the items of importance to the full Committee and hopefully have that disposed of with a favorable recommendation upon receipt of funding from the city so that is ready to go once that happens.

MOTION: Mr. Costa – : To refer the three items of priority as identified by the administration to the full Committee for its consideration.

Discussion

Before the second, Mrs. Panchley asked if Mr. Coogan could get the document before voting.

Mr. Coogan said he would and clarified that on the state level anything over \$150,000 is considered a capital project and would not count toward NSS but he did not believe any items on the critical list fall in that category.

Mrs. Panchley asked if it was \$150,000 or if it had gotten increased to \$200,000.

Transcriber’s Note: Mr. Coogan left the room to go retrieve the document.

Mr. Saunders said it is \$150,000. One of the issues when they did the original capital projects to get to the \$3.3M is that some of those projects were financed in bonds, etc. and he thought Mr. Costa was raising the question that they were using these operating NSS numbers and they were being financed. It is basically taking the NSS deficit and spreading it over a 20 year period to the tax payers. He believed Mr. Costa was the only none vote on that. The issue was they did not look at how things were funded as much as doing those projects. DESE raised the question that they were NSS projects that they had the discretion of but they also should look at how they are funded.

Mr. Costa agreed and said it would prompt another no vote for him if it comes back in that fashion again because he does not believe the city should get the credit for a NSS item that they are going to finance over the 20 years. They are getting the benefit of using that toward NSS yet financing it for several years. In the true spirit of their contribution toward education, it should really happen in the year in which they are proposing it to be. He understands there are capital projects that they rely on the city to help them fund and he wants them to get due credit for that.

Mrs. Panchley asked if there were any other items to take up while they were waiting for Mr. Coogan to come back with the document.

Superintendent Mayo-Brown said there was.

Mr. Saunders said they were doing some network upgrades when they got the \$911,000 increase to get to NSS in December. They looked at three schools to do upgrades to their network – Henry Lord, Doran and Greene. They know that the e-rate process they have some new rules for. The projects would be eligible for reimbursement and would be beneficial to do those projects in 2016 instead of currently. They will be coming forward in 2016 with the projects in there as part of the request. Because of the poverty levels and reimbursement it is basically getting local dollars with a bigger bang to get the projects done. Based on that, they have those projects available this year and they were looking at the voice over ride telephone systems and they would like to replace those three projects and move them to next year and do the voice over ride which is not e-rate eligible in the current year.

Mr. Coogan returned while Mr. Saunders was speaking.

Superintendent Mayo-Brown clarified that they were swapping a 2016 project for 2015 and just needs the Committee's okay to proceed in that direction because they had indicated their approval of the three schools but they recommend pushing those off so that the e-rate can be leveraged for those.

Mrs. Panchley thought it made sense.

Mr. Costa thought the purpose of identifying those schools for those projects now was so that they didn't use e-rate and wondered if it was then suggested that they would be better off waiting.

Mr. Coogan said there have been some changes in the program and they have a memo prepared to go out to the Committee on that but essentially what they were going to do this year and upgrade three schools by using the new regulations they will be able to get five schools done for the price of the three if they wait and put them in as next year's projects.

Mr. Costa said that was fine; he just recalled the reason there was a push for the three schools to be done was because there was some uncertainty regarding e-rate and the direction it was going in so rather than lose out, they wanted to fast track the three schools to get them done but if he is hearing correctly, the new regulations will put them in a better position to do that.

MOTION: Mr. Costa – Mr. Hart: To refer to full Committee the recommendation to put off the network upgrades on the Henry Lord, Doran and Greene until 2016 and substitute voice override IP.

No discussion

All were in favor

None were opposed

Motion Passed

Mrs. Panchley said they would go back to the capital projects conversation with Mr. Coogan.

Mr. Coogan said he gave them the list and it goes building by building alphabetically. There are a couple of projects highlighted for Durfee even given the pending MSBA decision, those would need to be addressed in the meantime as well as a project for Henry Lord and a project at Viveiros that is a lifecycle issue.

Mrs. Panchley clarified that there were five projects total.

Mr. Hart said they were all very important and he agreed with them but they also talked last meeting about the issues with Wiley and Westall. He wondered if there was any way they could start something up with Wiley. He is not blaming anyone for the wait on Westall and understands that process but he thought they should be starting something with Wiley so if something happens that delays Westall more, there can be a back-up for PreK-3 or something like that. He has driven by the building a lot and the façade is in good shape but what is inside is the issue.

Mr. Coogan said after their last meeting Mr. McCloskey started putting together some information and it is going to take some more estimates to get a firmer picture of what they are looking at. It will also require them talking to some inspectors to see what issues they will be faced with for compliance. The guestimate was somewhere around \$500,000. They will get a firmer number and then they can decide what direction they would like to go in.

Mrs. Panchley said she would like to see both of those schools come back online but did not think it was something to vote on today because they did not have all the information. If there are priorities that they want to refer to the Committee as a whole for when they get the funding then she thought they needed to do that but anything to do with Wiley or Westall would be second priority to her.

Mr. Coogan said as part of the facilities meeting when they talked about the Westall they did talk about the fact that there was some repairs and renovations that would fall outside the scope of the insurance settlement which is a potential cost for the Committee to consider. If any of those go beyond the \$150,000 they would need to know the potential funding source and if it would go out for bonding. They did release an insurance report at the F&O subcommittee meeting which he has a synopsis of that he can share with the Committee and he will send that out.

Mrs. Panchley said unfortunately they are at the insurance company and city's whim and have to wait for them to come up with an agreement on what the payout is going to be. It is upon the Committee to make sure that the Mayor and City Council and administration know how much that school is needed when they talk about lowering classroom size. It is important for them to be advocates that the school needs to be reopened in order to do that.

Mr. Hart asked if Mr. McCloskey was going to get those numbers. Mr. Coogan said it may take a little while because they have been side tracked with the snow removal but he knows he has started to put that together.

Mr. Hart said he understands there is a lot of money involved in getting it going and up to code but wondered if there is some kind of number that they come up with that might be reasonable or realistic, to just begin doing something. It seems to him it would be a good to do something and shoot for 2016. When they get the numbers he would be happy to have an F&O meeting again to come up with some kind of start to getting the building rehab started.

MOTION: Mr. Costa – Mr. Hart: To refer the items of priority as identified by the administration to the full Committee for its consideration pending a funding source.

Discussion

Mrs. Panchley questioned the list asking if Tansey really didn't have any issues.

Mr. Coogan said a major issue with Tansey is with the portable classrooms and those are leased so they are working through the leasing company to address those issues.

Mrs. Panchley said she didn't have anything specific but thought it always seemed that the school had leaks, etc.

Mr. Costa said they had a brand new roof put on and Mr. Coogan agreed and added there have been some other projects done as well.

All were in favor None were opposed Motion Passed

MOTION: Mr. Costa – Mr. Hart: To adjourn.

No discussion

All were in favor None were opposed Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,



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