

FINANCE MEETING MINUTES¹

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New Bedford Public Schools
Paul Rodrigues Administration Building
455 County Street, Room 119
New Bedford, MA 02740

Finance Subcommittee Meeting
May 7, 2020
4:30pm – 5:00pm
Remote via NBPS website

Present: Mr. Bruce Oliveira, Mr. Joshua Amaral, Ms. Colleen Dawicki

Also in attendance: Mr. Andrew O'Leary, Ms. Theresa Cormier

Absent: Mr. Thomas Anderson, Ms. Karen Treadup

The meeting commenced at 4:30 pm.

The minutes from the February 6, 2020 Finance Subcommittee Meeting were reviewed. Voted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Amaral and seconded by Mr. Oliveira to approve the minutes.

Mr. O'Leary presented and discussed the April 2020 Finance Reports including: Function Code Report, General Expense Report, Salary Report, Transfers, and the FY19 and FY20 Grant Reports.

Mr. O'Leary discussed FY20 spenddown and budget. He indicated that we are in process of converting to net school spending eligible items. He discussed the current spenddown initiatives given transportation, salary, and other savings regarding additional school supply orders that are permissible under Massachusetts General Law if monies are appropriately appropriated/transferred, and goods are received prior to June 30, 2020.

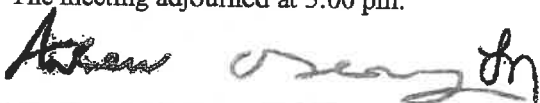
Mr. O'Leary discussed end of year strategies regarding the Salary Report, wherein some of the projected salary surplus would be input into Circuit Breaker, Special Education options such as tuition, and/or converting transfers for such last quarter purchases as technology, school supplies, and math curriculum.

Mr. O'Leary discussed reasoning for April transfers which included: technology, school supplies, Music department equipment needs, Math curriculum, transfers to Circuit Breaker, as well as, security spending on security cameras added to vestibules and modified door locks at Ashley School.

Mr. O'Leary discussed transportation/special education updates. He indicated that the new legislation likely to proceed directs that cities and towns can pay for services not rendered, however, ultimately, it is the City of New Bedford's decision to make arrangements with transportation vendors as to what we will pay. A recommendation from the School Department to the City will be forthcoming.

Voted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Amaral to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.



Andrew B. O'Leary
Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations

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