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New Bedford Public Schools
Paul Rodrigues Administration Building
455 County St., Room 224
New Bedford, MA 02740

Finance Sub Committee Meeting
December 8, 2016
6:30 pm

Present: Mr. Joaquim "Jack" Nobrega, Dr. Lawrence Finnerty, Mr. Bruce Oliveira

Also in attendance: Dr. Pia Durkin, Dr. Jason DeFalco, Mr. Andrew O'Leary, Mrs. Theresa Cormier

The meeting commenced at 6:31 pm.

The minutes from the November 9, 2016 Finance Sub Committee Meeting were reviewed. Voted unanimously on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Nobrega to approve the minutes.

Andrew O'Leary presented the financial report.

Mr. Oliveira asked if the grants are trending down.

Mr. O'Leary responded that they are.

Dr. Finnerty asked if there are any grants that we will not be receiving next year.

Mr. O'Leary responded that this is the final year for the School Redesign Grant for the high school.

Dr. Durkin noted that we have to sustain a reasonable necessity to continue to get out of Level 4 status.

Mr. O'Leary said that there are four salaries paid through the grant and we are looking into the necessity of those positions.

There was further discussion regarding the turnaround plan. We are now in year three of the plan.

Voted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Dr. Finnerty to approve the transfer of funds requests.

Mr. O'Leary gave an update on the MSBA projects.

The Parker School Accelerated Repair project has been approved by the MSBA. We are now working with the CFO to get the capital bonding. The City Council vote has been scheduled for January. Work should commence in the summer of 2017 and conclude around the end of the summer of 2018.

At Hayden McFadden School the storefronts are being installed.

Gomes School is taking a little longer due to some early problems however things are moving forward.

Dr. Durkin requested an update regarding the MSBA projects at the February School Committee meeting.

There was next a discussion regarding compensation for substitutes for CBIP classrooms. A request was made to increase the rate from \$85 per day to \$110 per day as it is difficult to get CBIP substitutes and it is important to have the proper staffing.


Dr. Finnerty asked if building based subs can get this rate for covering a CBIP classroom and then the regular rate for the remainder of the time.

Mr. Oliveira asked how many CBIP teachers we have.

Mr. DeFalco stated that we have 8 across the district.

Voted unanimously on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Nobrega to revise the substitute rates for CBIP substitutes for \$110 per day.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM on a motion on by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Nobrega.



Andrew B. O'Leary
Business Manager