

Minutes
Special Meeting of the RTM Education Committee
Wednesday, January 17, 2018

PLACE:

Darien Town Hall, Auditorium
Start Time: 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patrick Keane, Young-Sup Lee, Clara Sartori, Carolina McGoey, , Edward Washecka, Lucy Fiore, Sandra Savage, Janet Grogan, Theresa Vogt, Barbara Thorne, Jay Hardison, Ann Reed, Bill Smith
Also present: Ann Dickson, Amy Zerbe and Catherine Piorkowski from CDSP

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Peter Riordan

CALL TO ORDER

Ann Reed called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. with a quorum.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 9TH MEETING

There was a motion by Janet Grogan to amend the minutes from the January 9th meeting. A clarification was made regarding the discussion of substitute costs in the 2018-2019 budget. The minutes were amended to reflect this clarification (looking at not only per diem costs but also long terms subs and substitutes used for Professional Development).

A motion was made by Janet Grogan to approve the Minutes as amended. The amended minutes were unanimously approved with Jay Hardison, Barbara Thorne, Ann Reed and Bill Smith abstaining.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET

The purpose of the January 17th meeting was to discuss and prepare questions for the January 23 Board of Education meeting.

Question Topics include:

- Fitch Academy: the metrics to be used to analyze its success, cost savings to the District, and plans for its new location;
- MMS Guidance Counselor: is now the time to add the position when the school principal does not appear to have defined a need for it; (per Young-Sup Lee's request at the 2/12/18 RTM Education meeting, he would like it noted that this is a question and not a statement)
- Assistant Athletic Director: further clarification of the current AD's job as well as the current managerial stipend positions and other options explored;
- Capital Projects: what is the future of the Ox Ridge building, further clarification of the sump pump costs at Hindley and Royle, more information on the roof and skylight at Holmes, and costs related to future turf replacement;
- Special Education: more transparency regarding out of district placements to better understand the total costs (i.e. number of students outplaced);

- Copy Center: specific information regarding cost savings.

Chairperson Ann Reed will put the questions together regarding these topics and committee members were encouraged to email her with any questions that they may have before the January 23rd meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- Sandy Savage moved to adjourn
- Theresa Vogt seconded the motion
- The motion passed unanimously
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Vogt
RTM Education Clerk