

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE RTM FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

MONDAY, January 16, 2020

PLACE: Room 119
DARIEN TOWN HALL
ROOM 7:30 P.M.

1. **Call to Order:** Jack Davis, Chair, at 7:33 p.m.

Committee Members Attendance:

	Mark Adiletta	Barry Baldwin	Martha Banks	Luisa Brakman	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Elizabeth Lane	Robert Lyons
Present	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
Absent				X			X		

	Iris Mix	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Jennifer Schwartz	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert Von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
Present		X		X		X	X	X
Absent	X		X		X			

12 Present and 5 Absent. Needed for Quorum: 9. Quorum attained.

2. Other Attendees Present included: Clara Sartori, Chair, RTM Education Committee; Tara Ochman, BOE Chair; John Sini, BOE member; Richard Rudl, BOE Director of Finance and Operations and Marjorie Cion, BOE Director of Human Resources.

3. Chairperson's Report: Jack Davis provided an update as to the Superintendent's proposed BOE 2019-2020 budget and upcoming review schedule and initiated discussion with respect to the Committee taking action on RTM Resolution 20-1 concerning the contract between the BOE and the Darien Education Association for the three year term running from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

4. Discussion: with respect to the Contract, points covered included: i) relatively high ratio of staff in the lowest step tier, ii) approximate \$204K savings associated with the negotiated increase in staff class work load from 4.5 to 5.0; iii) a relatively high 21% of health care premiums and plan deductibles are already incurred by staff and iv) restricting certain tutoring time. Running in favor of the Association members are

changes extending the parental leave benefit to non-birth parents along with a one day increase in annual personal day allowance. Additionally, Bob Lyons, Bert von Stuelpnagel, Stacey Tie and Martha Banks directed questions to attending BOE representatives and Administration staff. Lastly, Jack Davis observed that the interplay of current staff advancing through contractual step levels, along with turnover and attrition, all impact the budget.

5. Motion not to reject the contract between the BOE and the Darien Education Association for the three-year term running from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

After ensuing discussion, the Motion was so moved and voted as follows:

Moved Ms. Tie
2ND Ms. Lane

	Mark Adiletta	Barry Baldwin	Martha Banks	Luisa Brakman	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Elizabeth Lane	Robert Lyons
YES	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
NO									
ABSTAIN									

	Iris Mix	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Jennifer Schwartz	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert Von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
YES		X		X		X	X	X
NO								
ABSTAIN								

Result: Motion Passed Unanimously (12-0-0)

6. Discuss and approve the Committee's presentation to the BOE

After ensuing discussion, the Motion was so moved and voted as follows:

Moved Mr. Orphanos
2ND Ms. Yarnell

	Mark Adiletta	Barry Baldwin	Martha Banks	Luisa Brakman	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Elizabeth Lane	Robert Lyons
YES	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
NO									
ABSTAIN									

	Iris Mix	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Jennifer Schwartz	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert Von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
YES		X		X		X	X	X
NO								
ABSTAIN								

Result: Motion Passed Unanimously (12-0-0)

7. Discussion of the BOS Budget: Jack Davis noted the upcoming schedule of meetings and encouraged all members to keep current through either attending and asking any questions as they wish or watching the meeting videos. One objective this year is for the Committee to identify and develop members who possess subject matter expertise and to collaborate with our BOF counterparts both as to the annual budget setting process as well as ongoing involvement with BOE, BOS and BOF colleagues through-out the year. To this end, Jack Davis will distribute sign-up sheets to Committee members.

8. Motion to Adjourn:

MOVED: Ms.Tie
2ND Ms. Yarnell

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Heitz, Clerk

Date: 01/16/2020