



School Finance Review Commission

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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Sergio Cornelio
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Tuesday, April 10, 2018

6:00 PM

Mayor's Conference Room

I. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carlo DeMaria	Chairman	Present	
John F. Hanlon	Councilor	Present	
Anthony DiPierro	Councilor	Present	
John Leo McKinnon	Councilor Ward 4	Present	
David Ela	Commissioner	Present	
Frank Parker	Commissioner	Present	
Colleen Mejia	Board Member	Present	
Robert Moreschi	Commissioner	Present	
Omar X Easy	Commissioner	Present	
Kimberly Auger	Commissioner	Present	
Frederick F Foresteire	Commissioner	Present	
Charles Obremski	Commissioner	Present	
Eric Demas	Chief Financial Officer	Present	

II. Public Hearings

III. Communicaions

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

1. Order (ID # 1948)

To Review the Fiscal Year 2019 School Budget, Enrollment and other Expenses.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Mayor started by asking for a motion to accept Sergio Cornelio as Clerk until he is officially the Clerk on May 26th, 2018. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the Commission. The Mayor started off the meeting by stating that he was proposing 6.5 million dollars over net school spending for Fiscal year 2019. He said he did not want to have the same issue as last year with the School Committee coming before the Council for supplemental appropriations and that he will not put any mid year transfers for the School Budget. Superintendent Foresteire agreed that they would not come before the City Council with any mid-year budget requests and that the schools have been under funded for years and that this appropriation will help with closing the budget gap. Superintendent Foresteire also stated that he created the mess that happened in the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget to see what would happen and if the city couldn't fund it the school department would make the necessary cuts. Charles Obremski informed the Committee that the Schools need 10.5 million dollars above net school spending to keep all staff and services fully funded. There was discussion about looking into giving more money if the City could afford it. Mr.

Demas requested that the Budget go forward as is with the 6.5 million dollar increase so that we would be in compliance with Charter Deadlines and then the Council and Mayor could amend the budget before it is finalized on June 11th.

Councilor Leo McKinnon asked what the climate is between the School Administration and the Unions. Ms. Auger stated that things are good between both the Unions and School Administration. The Mayor asked if the School Budget is broken down by all line items and Mr. Obremski stated that it is broken down. Leo McKinnon asked the Administration if any of the School Debt from School Building Construction was coming off the tax rolls this year. CFO Demas informed the Commission that no debt was coming off this fiscal year, but there is some coming off next year and even more, every year for the following few years. CFO Demas and Superintendent Foresteire both stated that though the School Debt would be coming off the next few years, the Schools will need a new school or increased school classes and other capital items so that will put most of the debt back on the tax rolls. School Committee member Parker informed the Board that we are one of many communities that need more money from the State and the new formula is hurting communities like Everett, both Mr. Shaw and Mr. Foresteire agreed.

Mayor DeMaria would like a breakdown of what the 10 million dollars will go towards and what every million dollars the City doesn't give, how does that affect class sizes and other services. Mr. Moreschi and Solicitor Mejia asked is the \$250,000 that will be spent on Painting one of the Schools be in the FY 19 Budget and Mr. Obremski said that it would. They also asked if the Schools could hold off this year on painting the building until next year when the financial climate would be better. Mr. Foresteire said that nothing has to be done, but we take pride in the appearance of our schools. Councilor DiPierro asked for a meeting to happen again in the next few weeks and to have the task force Committee meeting minutes and information be given regularly to the School Finance Review Commission and Dr. Easy said he would have them for the Commission. Mr. Parker asked the Council and Commission members to sign on to State Senate Bill 223 to help with Municipal School Funding. Mr. Obremski stated the formula from the State changed mainly because Boston did not want to collect Lunch Slips as actively as other Districts and that is why the formula changed which in turn hurt communities like Everett who collected every lunch form.

The Commission agreed to postpone the item to the next meeting

RESULT: POSTPONED

Next: 5/2/2018 8:30 AM

VI. Adjournment

VII. Orders