



# School Finance Review Commission

## Regular Meeting

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Wednesday, May 2, 2018

8:30 AM

Mayor's Conference Room

### I. Roll Call

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

### II. Public Hearings

### III. Communicaions

### IV. Unfinished Business

#### 1. Order (ID # 1948)

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

#### HISTORY:

04/10/18 School Finance Review POSTPONED  
Next: 05/02/18

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Meeting was opened and a quorum made and started with the Mayor stating that the City will see a 13% increase on the Residential Properties in Everett. Mayor DeMaria stated there will be no increases for any of his Department Heads in FY 19.

Superintendent Foresteire said he has 1,138 employees and is proposing 103 personnel cuts to the school budget which will save about 5.7 million dollars. The decision is what do we want to provide to the city's students for services like band, stem and other extracurricular services.

Mayor DeMaria asked if it was possible to have this Commission break up into small groups to go with a Superintendent to see how a School works from the Inside. Councilor DiPierro agreed with the

Mayor and said this would give the Commission a better perspective on what the schools need. Superintendent Foresteire said that it would be fine to allow the Commission into the schools. Kevin SHaw only stated that they would have to work around the MCAS testing that would be going on.

Dr. Baldasari and Kevin Shaw stated that cuts really can't be made to Special needs which makes up about 25% of the total school budget.

Kevin Shaw informed the Commission that if they made large cuts, he believes that will affect the MCAS scores and that will stop the cap the City of Everett has on Charter Schools which is capped at 9% and we are at the cap currently which will cost the city more money in the near future. Mr. Foresteire said that there really isn't any more room for cuts in the school department.

Mayor DeMaria asked what the pleasure of the Commission was, did they want to go over the Budget by line item.

Colleen Mejia asked if the schools anticipated any salary increases due to union negotiations? Mr. Foresteire said it depends on what the unions are willing to give back, they have had a few meetings with the unions already.

Mr. Obremski explained how the net school spending formula and its criteria, which is the number of students, property values and income of Everett families. He said it is a difficult formula and only a few people really understand it in the State.

Mr. Obremski went over parts of the budget, which is attached herein.

Mr. Obremski and CFO Demas explained that the charge backs for the schools are agreed upon and yearly after the budget is passed they review the numbers to make sure both sides agree that the numbers align with each others.

Dr. Easy passed a handout to the Commission which is attached herein, to explain the difference of local schools spending, specifically the comparison to the City of Revere which has a very similar school system. The numbers in the Revere schools are higher in student enrollment but the amount they spend is less than what Everett spends.

The Superintendent disputed the facts on the sheet that they have a school they opened up which don't account for some students and money spent.

The Mayor asked if there is a formula that will help him understand what the city can afford to give the schools. Mr. Demas said there is information in the packet Dr. Easy handed out and that he would go over it with the Mayor.

The Mayor said it is up to this Commission to discuss if they want to make cuts but lets not include Special Ed, which we can't cut because they are at the minimum.

The Commission went over the 103 cuts to personnel and said that they should come back next week, once everyone has had time to review the budget to see if they would like to make cuts or send the school budget to the City Council as is.

Referred to the May 10th, 2018 meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>POSTPONED</b>	<b>Next: 5/10/2018 9:30 AM</b>
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**V. New Business**

**VI. Adjournment**