



School Finance Review Commission

Regular Meeting

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Thursday, September 27, 2018

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

I. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carlo DeMaria	Chairman	Present	
Eric Demas	Vice Chairman	Present	
John F. Hanlon	Councilor	Present	
Anthony DiPierro	Councilor	Present	
John Leo McKinnon	Councilor Ward 4	Absent	
David Ela	School Committee Member	Present	
Frank Parker	School Committeeman	Present	
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	Present	

II. New Business

1. Order (ID # 2125)

Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c 30A, Section 21 (a) (1) and (7) to comply with the Open Meeting Law- Open Meeting Law Complaint- Review, discussion and response to Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Attorney John Carey/Joshua Resnek dated July 30, 2018

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Commission met in Executive Session to discuss the Open Meeting Law Complaint and re adjourned following Executive Session. The Minutes from the Executive Session will be sealed until the Attorney Generals Office States they can be unsealed.

RESULT: ACCEPTED

2. Order (ID # 2126)

The Mayor to inform the Board of his choice for Vice Chairman of the School Finance Review Commission

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor DeMaria informed the Commission that he appointed CFO Eric Demas to the position of Vice Chairman. Fred Foresteire asked why does the Mayor get to appoint the Vice Chairman, in most Boards and Commissions the members vote on who they want to be in that position. City Clerk Sergio Cornelio stated that the Administrative Code/Ordinances say that *"The mayor shall serve as the chairman of the commission and will appoint a vice chairman on an annual basis."*

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

3. Order (ID # 2127)

David Ela to present the Commission with the School Foundation Budget Projection for 2020-2022

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

School Committeeman David Ela gave a presentation on the Projection for the School Foundation Budget for years 2020-2022, which is attached herein. Mr. Ela explained that the City Charge backs have been increasing higher than what they are getting reimbursed by the State which is giving the Schools a larger gap in their operating budget. Also, the Schools have been and will continue to see a 2% increase yearly in all costs associated with the School Department.

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

4. Order (ID # 2128)

That the School Administration provides detail into the hiring process for FY19, ie, Who, Where and When people were hired

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Dr. Easy asked the School Administration how many teachers were laid off. Charlie Obremski stated that there was a total of 300 teachers laid off and out of that 65 teachers were not hired back. They also added 26 new teachers for a net loss of 39 total teachers less in the School system. Attached is a list of people hired by the Schools this Fiscal Year.

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

5. Order (ID # 2129)

That the School Administration provides the Commission with School Enrollment numbers for FY19

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Kevin Shaw informed the Commission that total student enrollment so far this year has increased by only 84 students which the Mayor asked if that was down from recent years and Mr. Shaw said yes. Mr. Parker asked if any classrooms in the schools started to have 40+ students in them and Mr. Shaw said no. Fred Foresteire said that many have 30+ students in them but we haven't hit the 40 mark yet in students in a classroom. Kevin Shaw stated the real issue will be once the 6,7 and 8 graders hit the High School, the High School will have 200 more students taking that school from 2100 students to about 2400 students and the School was built to house 1800 students.

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

6. Order (ID # 2130)

To have the School Administration provide other school related Expenditure information, including but not limited to the Devens School/Special Education

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor DeMaria said his intent for this piece is to take a better look at the benefits of the Devens School, not only look at money but what the students are getting out of this school and if there is

benefit by providing these services in house rather than sending these students to outside schools then we should look at purchasing the Devens School Building rather than paying high rent for the property. The Commission agreed that they should look into this further and Charlie Obremski and CFO Eric Demas will work together over the next few weeks to put together statistics for the Commission to review at their next meeting. The motion to refer this item to the next meeting passed unanimously.

RESULT: POSTPONED

Next: 10/25/2018 5:00 PM

7. Order (ID # 2131)

That the Mayor provide information on the status of a New School Building

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CFO Eric Demas informed the Commission of work he and the Mayor have done so far with the MSBA to request that there be a Freshman Academy near the current Everett High School. This Academy will house all 8th and 9th graders throughout Everett to prepare them for High School which will allow the City to free up much needed space in the elementary schools without having to place a new elementary school somewhere in the City. The MSBA will give the City a response to this request soon and CFO Demas will get information to the Commission once he has it.

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

III. Adjournment