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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

1. Call to order: 7:05 P M.

Present: Dawn Harris, Michael Barbaro, Susan Burdsall
Salah Khelfaoui-Superintendent
Mark Chapulis-TMS Business team and Judy Houle

2. Citizen Questions and Comments: none

3. Correspondence and Announcements: none

4. Student Recognition: Memorial-Beckett Campbell, 1st grade; Toy Town Elementary-Ian Susman, 3rd grade; Murdock Middle School-Cassandra Burdick, 8th grade; Murdock High School-Jordan Girard, Garrett Fletcher and Michael Hamel; Murdock Academy-Scott Betourney, 11th grade.
Student Representative: none

5. Superintendent Report- The meeting with the DOR and Town yesterday was very positive; monthly meetings will begin January 27, 2015.

Business Office Report: J. Houle updated the FY15 budget. The switch to Harpers Payroll Services is complete; the office is working on a system to track payroll within Munis; figures will then be available to the district and municipal offices. She thanked Erin McNamara for her work.

6. Old Business: none

M. Barbaro moved to take Agenda Item 7.E) out of order. Second by S. Burdsall. Approved 3-0-0.

7. New Business:

E) Chartwells Financial Reports-Kate Levinworth, Food Service Director and Chris Callahan, Regional District Manager, Chartwells, reviewed the nutrition education program expansion and other initiatives, events and program focuses. She reviewed changes at the individual schools. M. Barbaro praised and commended the new aspects. The anticipated deficit due to start up costs should be recovered by the end of school year. The meal price is calculated every year according to guidelines provided by the state and should stay at the current price for FY16. Participation in the Free/Reduced Lunch Program has increased. Marilyn Murphy noted Memorial is over 50%, Toy Town Elementary and Murdock Middle and High School are around 48%. Applicable grants will be applied for. The department will assess the life of current equipment and will generate a list of priorities for the Capital Planning sub-committee. TTE is the biggest concern having the oldest equipment. D. Harris noted the new online payment system for school meals is appreciated by parents.

A) Budget Discussion FY16-The Capital Projects Request for FY16-FY20 was reviewed. After Discussion, S. Burdsall moved that the Capital Projects for FY16 be submitted as presented, with security a priority, including the cameras and all camera items including all access card readers. Second by M. Barbaro. Approved 3-0-0. S. Khelfaoui will send the list to J. Kreidler tomorrow. The Toy Town Elementary generator funding is set but the project has not started yet. There are no budget figures from the state: he is hoping for level funding. The Unions took a 0% (zero) raise; there are no anticipated salary increases. Health Insurance costs up 30% as an indirect cost across the board; employees will pay 30% more. He is looking at serious cuts, considering bigger items first. Reconfiguration of the schools was discussed, in response to changes in grade size and looking at efficiency. S. Khelfaoui stressed that there is currently no plan to closing any buildings. Public forums would be held prior to any decision. S.

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Burdsall stated the budget formulation and process should include one or more school committee representatives, possibly the finance sub-committee. The Union representatives are included. Funding for the Pre-K program was discussed.

B) Transportation Budget- J. Houle reviewed the Transportation figures, including the \$40,000 increase in SPED students. The regular transportation is estimated to be 5% higher than last year. J. Kreidler thanked D. Harris, S. Khelfaoui, J. Houle and M. Chapulis for their attendance and work at a meeting yesterday.

C) CAPS Collaborative Director Report-Dr. Edward McCaul reviewed the 2013-2014 annual report and changes that have occurred since. The CAPPs & FLLAC joint use of resources was noted. M. Barbaro moved to accept the CAPPs Annual Report for 2013-2014. Second by S. Burdsall. Approved 3-0-0.

D) FLLAC Report- S. Khelfaoui reviewed the document, noting the similarities to the CAPPs. FLLAC also administers the Virtual School Program. M. Barbaro moved to accept the FLLAC Collaborative Education Report for 2014. Second by S. Burdsall. Approved 3-0-0.

8. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meetings Not Yet Approved or Released: none

9. Questions and Comments by Members: There is a joint meeting with the BOS and the FinCom on February 23, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

10. Other:

11. Future Agenda Items:

- A) Guidance Department Review
- B) Negotiation Strategy Meeting
- C) Monty Tech Representative/Superintendent
- D) Budget FY16

12. Executive Session:

13. Adjournment: 8:29 P.M. M. Barbaro moved to adjourn. Second by S. Burdsall. Approved 3 -0-0.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Barrie E. Martins, School Committee Recording Secretary