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June 20, 2018

TO: Thomas J. Minichiello, Jr., Chair

Aldo E. Petronio, Chief Budget Officer

FROM: Kathleen A. Smith, JD

RE: June 19, 2018 Finance Subcommittee Meeting

The Finance Subcommittee of the Brockton School Committee met on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, in the George M. Romm Little Theatre at Brockton High School, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Minichiello, Chair; Ms. Asack, Mr. D'Agostino, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Sullivan, Superintendent Smith, Mr. Petronio

Absent: Ms. Plant, Ms. Sullivan

Mr. Minichiello called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and asked Superintendent Smith to frame tonight's discussion.

Superintendent Smith recalled the June 11th finance meeting where she spoke about calling teachers back by June 26th, she said tonight she would like authorization the call back of nineteen teachers by June 26th at a cost of \$800,000 funded by "hedging our bets" on the anticipated increase in the senate budget. Mr. Petronio said he has identified unrestricted funds from the FY19 budget in the areas of operations (\$60,000), technology (\$80,000), facility maintenance (\$70,000), substitutes (\$300,000), and contingency (\$300,000).

The Superintendent said that with these callbacks there will still be 46 teachers not recalled (out of 100) and she felt she could not open the schools with that number, looking at class sizes of 25 - 30 we would be looking at 25 teachers not returning.



Mr. Minichiello said the public needs to understand that unlike many other towns and districts, Brockton is at the mercy of the state for the majority of its budget and he appreciates what the Superintendent is trying to do to avoid more upheaval.

Mr. Sullivan moved to bring back an additional 19 teachers at a cost of \$800,000, repurposing funds from the FY19 budget as follows: operations (\$60,000), technology (\$80,000), facility maintenance (\$70,000), substitutes (\$300,000), and contingency (\$300,000). The motion was seconded by Mr. D'Agostino.

Voted: to approve the motion, unanimous.

Mr. Petronio asked the committee to recommend an FY19 budget per standard procedure.

Mr. Minichiello moved to recommend an FY19 NET school spending budget of \$159,300,000 and further, to recommend an FY19 Non-NET school spending budget request of \$11,245,846, of which \$9,726,924 will come from local funds and \$1,518,922 will be from other sources as proposed by the finance committee of the school committee, both of which are subject to the approval of the FY19 appropriation request made to the City Council by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sullivan.

Voted: to approve the motion, unanimous.

Seeing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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