

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Finance Committee of the Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date of meeting:

Thursday, December 20, 2019

Attendees: Jackie Norcel, Kathleen Fearon, Scot Kerr, Sean O’Keefe

Additional Attendees: Allan Cameron

Location: Long Hill Admin. Ctr.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00A.M.

The minutes from the meeting of October 24, 2019 meeting were unavailable.

The Committee modified the proposed 2020 Regular meeting calendar. The committee approved the calendar (attached) and requested that it be forwarded to Town Hall for posting,

Next was a discussion around the 403(b) plan for employees excluded from the Town Pension Plan. Dr. Fearon will reach out to John Golliozo learn the potential financial impact to the Board. Mr. Kerr proposed the following motion for recommendation to the full Board; “Be it resolved that the Finance Sub-Committee recommends that the Board of Education establish a substitute pension plan or plans for the six (6) employees who were omitted from the Town of Trumbull plan.”

Mr. O’Keefe then reviewed the financial reports as of November 30, 2019. As he reviewed the financial summary, he drew the committee’s attention to variances in three areas. Employee Benefits. He believes that the six months of billing are included in the amount and the encumbrance has not been properly adjusted. Investigation is needed. With respect to Utilities and Energy; he also believes that the encumbrances are not correct, again further investigation is necessary. He also explained the relationship between the billing for energy projects and the lease payments. With respect to Special Education he remains very concerned about the current status of the unbudgeted Special Education and related transportation expenses and the district’s ability to fully mitigate. He reported on the freeze and responded to a number of questions in certain accounts. The Committee accepted the financial reports as of November 30, 2019.

Finally, there was a discussion about the proposed 2020-2021 budget. There was a brief discussion around the possibility of the BOE operating a small fleet of Special Ed. cars/buses. There was also a discussion around how to help others understand the impact of changing demographics on the Health Benefits program. Finally, there was a discussion of paraprofessionals.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Cameron