

THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our mission is for all students to be successful, engaged, lifelong learners.

Amended Building & Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

District Office Conference Room
2 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA
3:30 p.m.

Members Present

Kathy Clancy, Chairperson
Joel Favazza, Vice Chairperson
Jonathan Pope, Member

Administration Present

Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent
Gary Frisch, Director of Finance
and Operations
Cody Marshall, Accounts and Budget Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Clancy called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.

II. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT

III. REPORTS/DELIBERATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Draft FY21 Budget Overview – See Chief Financial Officer’s Report. Mr. Frisch reviewed the changes to the budget since the presentation on February 26th, as well as the FY21 budget summary and the public hearing notice. Chairperson Clancy expressed the importance of articulating the increases to the budget, and Mr. Pope stated that he thinks we should ask the city administration for what we need. Mr. Favazza indicated that he would like to include everything in Option C except for the data analyst position in the draft budget. Dr. Safier pointed out that the city would need to provide a 4% increase over last year’s budget to be able to include all three options in the budget. Chairperson Clancy stated that she hopes the increase related to the Student Opportunity Act money will go directly to the School Department.

With respect to worker’s compensation, Mr. Frisch reported that about \$65,000 is for two employees that are on permanent total disability for life and the other \$15,000 is for temporary disability.

The committee discussed the positions in Option C and whether they should be included in the draft budget.

After discussion, on a motion by Mr. Pope, seconded by Chairperson Clancy, it was unanimously

VOTED: 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the full School Committee that we include all of Options A and B and the O’Maley elective teacher, elementary adjustment counselor and additional math coach from Option C in the FY21 draft budget for the public hearing.

B. FY20 Budget Projection – Tabled. Chairperson Clancy noted that the numbers are in line with what has been previously reported.

C. FY19 End-of-Year Report – Mr. Frisch reported that there were no findings by the auditor on the End-of-Year Report and recognized Cody Marshall for his work on the report.

IV. ACTION – See III.A.

V. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by Chairperson Clancy, seconded by Mr. Pope, it was unanimously

VOTED: 3 in favor, 0 opposed to adjourn the Building & Finance Meeting of March 4, 2020 at 4:31 p.m.

All reference documents and reports are filed in the Superintendent’s office.

*Maria Puglisi
Recording Secretary*