

Budget Subcommittee Meeting – May 26, 2020

Location: Zoom Webinar Remote Participation

Attendees: Mr. John Froio, Mr. Leonard Iovino, Ms. Michelle Luong, Ms. Toni Mertz, Mr. John Oteri, Ms. Jennifer Spadafora, Mr. Adam Weldai

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

Agenda

1. Budget Update (FY 2020 – 2021)

Ms. Toni Mertz provided an update on the upcoming FY budget. There was a discussion with members around having a finalized budget by June 15, 2020 even though the state wouldn't have a budget recommendation before August 2020. This is mainly due to contractual obligations regarding staff renewals. There was further discussion around a "level funded budget" vs a 5% and 10% budget cut, special education transportation and the Early Learning Center. The Committee requested that Ms. Mertz provide a 7.5% budget cut scenario for the next meeting. Mr. Froio brought up the fact that budget subcommittee meetings have been running longer than 1 hour and he would like to see the meetings capped to 60 minutes in total.

Mr. Froio made a motion to keep budget subcommittee meetings to 1 hour. The motion was seconded by Mr. Iovino. The motion failed 4-0.

The discussion then focused on the Extended Learning Time grant for the Ferryway school. Due to the pandemic and uncertainty around receiving the grant, along with not having the funds in the budget to run the program, Superintendent Oteri would like the subcommittee to decide on the future of the ELT program at the Ferryway school.

Mr. Iovino made the motion to NOT pursue the Extended Learning Time grant for the Ferryway school. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drummey. The motion passed unanimously and will go to the full committee for approval.

2. Budget Hearing Date Discussion

The Committee had a discussion around the date in which the budget public hearing would be held. Superintendent Oteri was instructed to reach out to Attorney Howard Greenspan to see if the meeting has to be held before non-renewal forms go out to union members on June 15.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mr. Iovino. Seconded by Mr. Weldai.

Meeting adjourned 7:49pm EST.