



BRAINTREE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Finance & Operations Subcommittee Meeting Meeting Minutes / Thursday, April 28, 2022

Subcommittee Members: Ms. Lisa Fiske Heger/Mr. Matthew Lynch/ Ms. Kathleen Tuffy

Administration: Mr. James Lee, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Courtney Miller, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Ed Cronin, Director Finance & Operations

Transcriber: Ms. Mary Ann Cuddahy, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

Ms. Fiske Heger called the meeting to order @ 6:01 p.m.

2. Consideration of Approval of March 24, 2022 Minutes

Voted Unanimously: Upon a motion by Ms. Tuffy and seconded by Mr. Lynch to accept the minutes as written. Vote passed-3:0

3. Consolidation of Maintenance Departments

Meeting was attended by Chief-of-Staff Nicole Taub and members of the DPW. The subcommittee expressed appreciation for the answers to the questions previously posed. Both Ms. Tuffy and Mr. Lynch indicated support of the proposal provided there was adequate accountability. Ms Heger also expressed support for the proposal, but later suggested that a transition team would be needed to proceed in the work.

Voted Unanimously: Upon a motion by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Ms. Tuffy to bring to the full Committee information regarding the potential consolidation of the Maintenance Departments. Vote passed-3:0

4. Liberty PTO Gift to Schools

Mr. Lee reviewed a proposal from the Liberty PTO for a beautification project to be done on the grounds. The PTO has identified a contractor, Needle Brothers, to create an outdoor patio and garden area. The PTO is prepared to fund the \$35,000 project as a gift to schools on in-kind services. The subcommittee was enthusiastic about the project and looked forward to Principal Boening's presentation Monday night.

5. Continued Discussion FY2023 Budget

Mr. Lee explained the next steps in the budget process, specifically the school system's presentation to Ways & Means on May 18th. He indicated that, internally, work around staffing affected by the loss of positions is

underway. Although the cuts will be done through attrition, there will be some needed movement of staff to ensure that others remain fully employed.

6. Next Meeting Date

The subcommittee agreed to hold their next meeting as part of the Ways & Means presentation on May 18th at Town Hall at 6pm.

7. Adjourn

Voted Unanimously: Upon a motion by Ms. Tuffy and seconded by Mr. Lynch to adjourn the meeting. Vote passed-3:0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by Subcommittee 10.13.2022

Lisa Fiske Heger
Chairperson

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