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Finance and Educational Planning & Technology Subcommittee Meeting

A joint meeting of the Finance and Educational Planning & Technology Subcommittees of the Westfield School Committee was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 6:15 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA . Members present by roll call were: Mr. Kevin J. Sullivan, Mrs. Cindy Sullivan, and Mr. Ramon Diaz. Mr. Jeffrey Gosselin and Mrs. Diane Mayhew were present. Also in attendance: Mr. Ronald Rix, Mrs. Pamela Kotarski, Ms. Cynthia Kennedy, Mrs. Jennifer Willard, Mr. Peter Lurgio, and Mrs. Lenore Bernashe.

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

1. Public participation, excluding personnel: none

2. Transportation Contract Renewal:

Mrs. Kotarski and Ms. Kennedy, members of Transportation Committee, were in attendance to provide an update the committee regarding Transportation Contract renewal Option #1 and Option #2.

Mrs. Kotarski presented the Pros and Cons of a 2 Tier bus option and 3 Tier bus option. She reported a potential savings, by remaining with 3 Tier bus option, of \$300,240 annually based on current prices and eliminating 6 buses. She stated that a 2 Tier bus option would require additional buses and a potential increase of \$237,310, based on current prices.

Mr. Diaz moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to bring forward a recommendation to the full committee to remain with a 3 Tier bus option and eliminate 6 buses (option #1). All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mr. Diaz moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to bring forward a recommendation to the full committee to proceed with a bid for a 5-year Transportation Contract. All were in favor. Motion passes.

After a discussion, it was decided to continue the discussion regarding school start times/end times and possible student transportation fee at a later date.

Mr. Sullivan thanked the Transportation Committee Members for gathering all of information that was presented.

3. Technology Bond

Mr. Rix and Mrs. Bernashe provided an update regarding the Technology Plan. A discussion took place and questions were answered.

Mr. Diaz moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to bring forward a recommendation to the full committee to approve the Westfield Public Schools Technology Plan. All were in favor. Motion passes.

4. Any other business that may properly come before the committee: none.

At 7:30 pm Mr. Diaz moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

A report on this meeting was given to the school committee at the February 1, 2016 meeting. Approved by school committee members at the February 1, 2016 school committee meeting.



Kevin J. Sullivan, Chairperson
Finance Subcommittee



Cindy Sullivan, Chairperson
Educational Planning & Technology Subcommittee

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