

Waterbury Public Schools Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Meeting called to order by Chairman Orso at 5:30pm

Attendees: Chairman Orso, VC Brown, VP Harvey, Commissioners Van Stone, Nardozzi; Superintendent Ruffin, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, Rosh Magfour.

Item One: Proposed 2021-22 Budget Reduction Plan

Ms. Biolo presented the budget reduction plan and explained reductions necessary to balance the BOE approved budget on 2-3-2021 of \$163,275,000 and the Mayors/BOA approved budget of \$158,375,000 leaving a deficit of \$3.9 million. (see attached budget information)

Discussion continued with explanation of use of surplus dollars, alliance district dollars and ESSER II dollars to make up for the \$3.9 short fall. (see attached budget information)

Item II Transfers in the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget

Discussion of proposed transfer of budget line items to be transferred to the District Wide Health Benefit Fund of \$2 million dollars and the Operation and Maintenance -sinking fund of \$ 3.191 million dollars These transfers will contribute to a balanced budget.

Discussion related to overall positions in the budget and history of not being able to fill those positions in areas including para professionals, special education and maintenance personnel, Commissioner Van Stone raised the issue of budgeting for 170 positions that are hard to fill at a cost of \$ 7.5 million and the reason for putting thee positions in the budget. Ms. Biolo explained that the budget process accounts for needed positions to run the school district and not necessarily if all will be filled.

Motion to approve the transfer of funds as presented, made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Harvey, passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Harvey, seconded by Commissioner Van Stone, passed unanimously at 6:10pm