

## **Committee:**

Finance **Date:**

01/23/2019 **Present**

- Maureen Caraballo
- Jeremy Arnon
- Lisa Litvin
- Timothy Baer

## **Key topics and discussion points**

- Follow-on to 1/16 meeting where we took a look at the revised budget with changes reflected
- Net additions of around \$40K with revisions incorporated by all three schools
- Reviewed the Special Ed requests for additional classes and compared requests to special needs numbers per grade
  - All of the requested positions were discussed in regards to the current enrollment and projected needs
- Ken Jernigan's position
  - Maureen shared a proposal presented to not backfill Ken Jernigan's role as they felt that Mr. Rubino and Mr. Carini could share the instructional music lesson classes
  - Maureen explained that the biggest change would likely be at Hillside and shared some data on the fact that music staffing used to be 1.6 FTE and increased to 2.5 FTE fairly recently
  - Sharing the workload between Mr. Rubino and Mr. Carini would be bringing the staffing level back to the previously acceptable level
- Jenice Mateo-Toledo
  - Discussed bumping her up to .6 FTE for the Director of Diversity role during the 2019-20 school year with the understanding that it could change back to .2 or .4 in 2020-21 depending on teaching/ staffing needs

## **Proposed next steps**

- Maureen needs to know where the Board wants to be in terms of a tax rate increase/ decrease so she can finalize discussions with each of the principals and Dir. of Special Ed on final budget numbers.

## **Questions for the board to consider/discuss at upcoming BOE meeting**

- Where does the Board feel comfortable netting out on tax rate increase?
- What amount of taxes levied should be allocated toward the reserve fund? i.e. How much above the budget are we comfortable increasing to ensure that we are putting funds toward the reserve fund?