MANCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015

Board Of Education Mtg.

7:00 P.M. – Hearing Rm. Lincoln Center

| A. | <u>PENING</u> | |
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| | Call to order | |
| | Pledge of Allegiance | |
| | Approval of Board of Education Minutes – June 22, 2015 | A-3 |
| | Approval of Special Meeting Minutes – June 29, 2015 | A-4 |
| В. | ONSENT CALENDAR | |
| | Personnel Information | B - 1 |
| | Establish an appropriation for FY15-17 for the preliminary grant award amount of \$64,261, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education | B – 2 |
| | Improvement Act (IDEA) 619 grant. | |
| | Establish an appropriation for FY15-17 for the preliminary grant award amount of \$1,658,730, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education | B – 3 |
| | Improvement Act (IDEA) 611 grant. | |
| | Establish an appropriation for FY15-16 for the Medicaid Grant in the amount of \$200,000. | B-4 |
| | Establish an appropriation for FY15-16 for the Summer School Program, Funded by tuition payments in the amount of \$40,000. | B – 5 |
| | Establish an appropriation for FY15-16 for the State Teachers' Retirement Grant in the amount of \$626,409. | B – 6 |
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C. <u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>

None

D. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS (any item before the board)</u>

E. <u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</u>

- 1) Update on Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Instruments Mrs. Vonetta Romeo-Rivers, Director of Performance, Evaluation and Talent Development
- 2) Update on Building Projects Mr. Matthew Geary, Superintendent of Schools

F. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u> –

None

G. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u> -

1) Extension of Superintendent's Contract

Recommended Action: Authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement with Mr. Geary on behalf of the Board of Education for the purposes of employing Mr. Geary as our Superintendent of Schools July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018.

2) Adoption of 2015-16 Teacher & Administrator Evaluation Instruments

Recommended Action: Move to adopt 2015-16 Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Instruments.

- **H.** *PUBLIC COMMENTS* (comments limited to items on tonight's agenda)
- I. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>
 - 1) Student Representatives Ms. Lori Fogg and Ms. Shania Stanton
- J. <u>ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS</u>
- K. ADJOURNMENT

Welcome to the Manchester Board of Education meeting. Observers are always welcome. The following instructions are to assist those who wish to speak during the Public Comment session(s):

- 1) Print your name and address on the sign-in sheet at the podium for accurate record keeping.
- 2) State your name and address for the record. Students state name only.
- 3) First Session: Three minute time limit for any item that may come before the Board. Listen for the bell.
- 4) Second Session: Comments must be limited to items on the Board's agenda for this meeting. The Board Chair has the discretion to limit comment time.
- 5) Written statements may be substituted for Board members if time runs out for speaker.
- 6) Immediate replies to questions/concerns should not be expected (Board Chair/Superintendent's discretion).
- 7) Inappropriate topics: Confidential information, personal issues and legal concerns. Please avoid derogatory and profane language. Board of Education Policy #1220.

PERSONNEL INFORMATION

APPOINTMENTS

Confirming the appointment of Sophia Krisch as Elementary Principal at Martin Elementary School effective July 1, 2015, (Elementary Principals (220 days) Step 4, \$126,324. Ms. Krisch received a Sixth Year Certificate in Educational Leadership and a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction degree at University of Connecticut. Ms. Krisch resides in East Hampton.

Kelly Udelsman to be a Science teacher at Manchester High School. Ms. Udelsman received a Bachelor of Science in Biology Education degree at Southern Connecticut State University. Ms. Udelsman resides in Woodbridge. It is recommended that her appointment be approved effective August 24, 2015 (BA/Step 5, \$49,716).

Laura DeMartino to be a Family and Consumer Science teacher at Manchester High School. Ms. DeMartino received a Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation and Disability Study degree at Springfield College. Ms. DeMartino resides in Tolland. It is recommended that her appointment be approved effective August 24, 2015 (BA/Step 1, \$43,611).

Rosalia Ruberto to be an Art teacher at Illing Middle School. Ms. Ruberto received a Master of Arts in Art Education degree at Central Connecticut State University. Ms. Ruberto resides in Glastonbury. It is recommended that her appointment be approved effective August 24, 2015 (MA/Step 6, \$54,950).

Cynthia DeJesus to be the Education Manager for the Head Start Program. Ms. DeJesus received a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education degree at Eastern Connecticut State University. Ms. DeJesus resides in East Hampton. It is recommended that her appointment be approved effective August 24, 2015 (BA+15/Step 1, \$44,920).

Christopher Driscoll to be a Special Education teacher at Manchester High School. Mr. Driscoll received a Master of Arts in Education degree at College of Saint Elizabeth. Mr. Driscoll resides in South Glastonbury. It is recommended that his appointment be approved effective August 24, 2015 (MA/Step 10, \$65,418).

Nicole Milewski to be an English teacher at Manchester High School. Ms. Milewski received a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education degree at Fairfield University. Ms. Milewski resides in Newington. It is recommended that her appointment be approved effective August 24, 2015 (BA+15/Step 3, \$47,536).

Chanel Curtin to be a STEM Specialist at Buckley Elementary School. Ms. Curtin received a Master of Science in Science Education degree at Central Connecticut State University. Ms. Curtin resides in Bristol. It is recommended that her appointment be approved effective August 24, 2015 (MA+30/Step 8, \$64,109).

Jeffrey Labasi to be a Biology teacher at Manchester High School. Mr. Labasi received a Master of Arts in Science Education degree at University of Connecticut. Mr. Labasi resides in Durham. It is recommended that his appointment be approved effective August 24, 2015 (MA+30/Step 5, \$57,130).

Christopher LeSure to be a Science teacher at Manchester High School. Mr. LeSure received a Master of Science in Secondary Education degree at Eastern Connecticut State University. Mr. LeSure resides in Vernon. It is recommended that his appointment be approved effective August 24, 2015 (MA/Step 5, \$52,769).

Kassandra Holder to be a Physical Education/Health teacher at Manchester High School. Ms. Holder received a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education degree at Eastern Connecticut State University. Ms. Holder resides in Manchester. It is recommended that her appointment be approved effective August 24, 2015 (BA/Step 2, \$44,920).

Sarah Forte to be an English teacher at Manchester High School. Ms. Forte received a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction degree at University of Connecticut. Ms. Forte resides in East Hartford. It is recommended that her appointment be approved effective August 24, 2015 (MA/Step 1, \$46,228).

RESIGNATIONS

Sherry McCullough, Language Arts teacher at Manchester High School has submitted a letter of resignation for personal reasons effective the end of business on June 30, 2015. Ms. McCullough has been with Manchester Public Schools since August 29, 2011. It is recommended that her request be approved.

Marsha Testa, Language Arts teacher at Manchester High School has submitted a letter of resignation for retirement purposes effective the end of business on June 30, 2015. Ms. Testa has been with Manchester Public Schools since August 25, 1999. It is recommended that her request be approved.

Charles Solarz, Science teacher at Manchester High School has submitted a letter of resignation for personal reasons effective the end of business on June 30, 2015. Mr. Solarz has been with Manchester Public Schools since August 26, 2013. It is recommended that his request be approved.

Dominic Marino, Music teacher at Manchester High School has submitted a letter of resignation for retirement purposes effective the end of business on June 30, 2015. Mr. Marino has been with Manchester Public Schools since March 19, 2003. It is recommended that his request be approved.

Michelle Ignatowicz, District-wide Art teacher has submitted a letter of resignation for personal reasons effective the end of business on June 30, 2015. Ms. Ignatowicz has been with Manchester Public Schools since August 26, 2013. It is recommended that her request be approved.

Mia Mitoma, Science teacher at Manchester High School has submitted a letter of resignation for personal reasons effective the end of business on July 1, 2015. Ms. Mitoma has been with Manchester Public Schools since January 26, 2009. It is recommended that her request be approved.

To:

The Manchester Board of Education

From:

Mr. Matthew Geary, Superintendent of Schools

Subject:

Item for Appropriation – IDEA 619 Grant

Date:

July 1, 2015

Background:

The Manchester Board of Education was awarded preliminary grant funding under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 619 grant for FY 2015-2017. This grant supports a wide range of special education services for students in the Manchester school district.

Discussion/Analysis:

Each year the Manchester Board of Education applies for grant funds from the Connecticut State Department of Education under IDEA 619 grant for use with special education students ages 3-5. This funding offsets the cost of a special education preschool teacher and is used in conjunction with our larger IDEA 611 grant.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact to the town. This is a two year grant that provides funds from the U.S. Department of Education and the State of Connecticut. The total preliminary grant award for FY 2015-2017 is for the amount of \$64,261.

Other Board/Commission Action:

None.

Recommendations:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education request the Board of Directors establish an appropriation for the preliminary grant award amount of \$64,261 under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 619 grant for FY 2015-2017.

Matthew Geary

Superintendent of Schools

Manchester, CT July 1, 2015

Attachments:

CT State Department of Education Notification of Final Grant Award of FY 2015-2017 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) funding

To:

The Manchester Board of Education

From:

Mr. Matthew Geary, Superintendent of Schools

Subject:

Item for Appropriation – IDEA 619 Grant

Date:

July 1, 2015

Background:

The Manchester Board of Education was awarded preliminary grant funding under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 619 grant for FY 2015-2017. This grant supports a wide range of special education services for students in the Manchester school district.

Discussion/Analysis:

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Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact to the town. This is a two year grant that provides funds from the U.S. Department of Education and the State of Connecticut. The total preliminary grant award for FY 2015-2017 is for the amount of **\$64,261**.

Other Board/Commission Action:

None.

Recommendations:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education request the Board of Directors establish an appropriation for the preliminary grant award amount of \$64,261 under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 619 grant for FY 2015-2017.

Matthew Geary

Superintendent of Schools

Manchester, CT July 1, 2015

Attachments:

CT State Department of Education Notification of Final Grant Award of FY 2015-

2017 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) funding



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Grant Recipient

MANCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS 45 NORTH SCHOOL STREET MANCHESTER, CT 06040-2022

4 Award Information

Grant Type:

FEDERAL

Statute:

P.L. 108-446

CFDA #:

84.173A

SDE Project Code: SDE000000000002

Grant Number: 077-000 12060-20983-2016-82032-170002

Grant Title

IDEA, PART B, SECTION 619

Award Period

7/1/2015 - 6/30/2017

Education Staff

Program Manager:

Brian Cunnane 860-713-6919

Payment & Expenditure Inquiries:

Karen Calabrese 860-713-6472

6 Authorized Funding

Grant Amount: \$64,261

Funding Status: Preliminary

Terms and Conditions of Award

This grant is contingent upon the continuing availability of funds from the grant's funding source and the continuing eligibility of the State of Connecticut and your town/agency to receive such funds.

Fiscal and other reports relating to this grant must be submitted as required by the granting agency. Written requests for budget revisions for expenditures made between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 must be received at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the grant period but no later than May 1, 2016. For grants awarded for two-year periods beginning July 1, 2015, final second-year budget revision requests covering the entire two-year period must be received at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the grant period but no later than February 1, 2017. The grantce shall provide for an audit acceptable to the granting agency in accordance with the provisions of Sections 7-394a and 7-396a of the Connecticut General Statutes. The following attachment(s) are incorporated by reference: ED114.

The grant may be terminated upon 30 days written notice by either party. In the event of such action, all remaining funds shall be returned in a timely fashion to the granting agency.

This preliminary grant award notification reflects the preliminary entitlement on which the application for funds was based. Preliminary grant award notifications indicate approval of the proposed program but not of a final budget. Final grant award notifications will be issued upon the State's receipt of final federal grant award notifications. Fifteen percent of federal funds can be drawn down before final grant award notifications are issued.

This grant has been approved.

7/1/2015

Charlene Russell-Tucker Associate Commissioner Division of Family and Student Support Services

BUDGET FORM

Created On: 7/2/2015

ED 114

Fiscal Year: Grantee Name: 2016

MANCHESTER

Grantee: 077-000

Funding Status: Preliminary

Vendor ID: 00077

Grant Title:

IDEA, PART B, SECTION 619

Project Title: Fund: 12060 PRESCHOOL ENTITLEMENT

SPID: 20983 Year: 2016

PROG: 82032

CFI: 170002

CF2:

Grant Period:

7/1/2015 - 6/30/2017

Authorized Amount: \$64,261

Project Code: SDE000000000000

LOCAL BALANCE:

AUTHORIZED AMOUNT BY SOURCE:

CARRYOVER DUE:

CURRENT DUE: \$64,261

| CODES | DESCRIPTIONS | PUB BUD | NPUB BUD |
|-------|--|----------|----------|
| 111A | NON-INSTRUCTIONAL | | |
| 111B | INSTRUCTIONAL | 64,261 | |
| 200 | PERSONAL SERVICES-EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | | |
| 321 | TUTORS | | |
| 322 | IN SERVICE | | ····· |
| 323 | PUPIL SERVICES | | |
| 324 | FIELD TRIPS | | _ |
| 325 | PARENT ACTIVITIES | | ····· |
| 330 | EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES | | |
| 341 | AUDIT | | ···· |
| 350 | TECHNICAL SERVICES | | |
| 440 | RENTALS | | |
| 450 | CONSTRUCTION SERVICES | | |
| 510 | STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES | | |
| 530 | COMMUNICATIONS | | |
| 560 | TUITION | | |
| 580 | TRAVEL | | |
| 600 | SUPPLIES | | |
| 730 | EQUIPMENT | | |
| 734 | TECHNOLOGY RELATED HARDWARE | | |
| 735 | TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE | | |
| 917 | INDIRECT COST | | |
| | TOTAL | \$64,261 | |

| Original | Request | Date: |
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5/4/2015

This budget was approved by Brian Cunnane on 6/2/2015.

To:

The Manchester Board of Education

From:

Mr. Matthew Geary, Superintendent of Schools

Subject:

Item for Appropriation – IDEA 611 Grant

Date:

July 1, 2015

Background:

The Manchester Board of Education was awarded preliminary grant funding under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 611 grant for FY 2015-2017. This grant supports a wide range of special education services for students in the Manchester school district.

Discussion/Analysis:

Each year the Manchester Board of Education applies for grant funds from the Connecticut State Department of Education under IDEA 611 grant for use with special education students ages 3-21. The funding offsets the cost of special education teachers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, paraprofessionals, and tutors. It also enables the Board to purchase specialized reading and math programs, computer equipment, and other assistive technology devices. The IDEA 611 grant provides funding for student evaluations as well.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact to the town. This is a two year grant that provides funds from the U.S. Department of Education and the State of Connecticut. The total preliminary grant award for FY 2015-2017 is for the amount of \$1,658,730.

Other Board/Commission Action:

None.

Recommendations:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education request the Board of Directors establish an appropriation for the preliminary grant award amount of \$1,658,730, under the Individuals with Disabilities Hduçation Improvement Act (IDEA) 611 grant for FY 2015-2017.

Matthew Geary

Superintendent of Schools

Manchester, CT July 1, 2015

Attachments:

CT State Department of Education Notification of Final Grant Award of FY 2015-2017 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) funding

To:

The Manchester Board of Education

From:

Mr. Matthew Geary, Superintendent of Schools

Subject:

Item for Appropriation – IDEA 611 Grant

Date:

July 1, 2015

Background:

The Manchester Board of Education was awarded preliminary grant funding under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 611 grant for FY 2015-2017. This grant supports a wide range of special education services for students in the Manchester school district.

Discussion/Analysis:

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Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact to the town. This is a two year grant that provides funds from the U.S. Department of Education and the State of Connecticut. The total preliminary grant award for FY 2015-2017 is for the amount of \$1,658,730.

Other Board/Commission Action:

None.

Recommendations:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education request the Board of Directors establish an appropriation for the preliminary grant award amount of \$1,658,730, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 611 grant for FY 2015-2017.

Matthew Geary

Superintendent of Schools

Manchester, CT July 1, 2015

Attachments:

CT State Department of Education Notification of Final Grant Award of FY 2015-2017 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) funding



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Grant Recipient

MANCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS 45 NORTH SCHOOL STREET MANCHESTER, CT 06040-2022

Award Information

Grant Type:

FEDERAL

Statute:

P.L. 108-446

CFDA#:

84.027A

SDE Project Code: SDE0000000000002

Grant Number: 077-000 12060-20977-2016-82032-170002

Grant Title

IDEA-PART B, SECTION 611

5 Award Period

7/1/2015 - 6/30/2017

Education Staff

6 Authorized Funding

Program Manager:

Grant Amount: \$1,658,730

Brian Cunnane 860-713-6919

Payment & Expenditure Inquiries:

Karen Calabrese 860-713-6472

Funding Status: Preliminary

Terms and Conditions of Award

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This grant has been approved.

7/1/2015

Charlene Russell-Tucker Associate Commissioner Division of Family and Student Support Services

BUDGET FORM

Created On: 7/2/2015

ED 114

Fiscal Year: Grantee Name: 2016

MANCHESTER

Grantee: 077-000

Funding Status: Preliminary

Vendor ID: 00077

Grant Title:

IDEA-PART B, SECTION 611

Project Title: Fund: 12060

SPID: 20977

Year: 2016

PROG: 82032

CF1: 170002

CF2:

Grant Period:

7/1/2015 - 6/30/2017

Authorized Amount: \$1,658,730

Project Code:

SDE0000000000002

AUTHORIZED AMOUNT BY SOURCE:

| LOCAL BALANCE: CARRYOVER DUE: CURRENT DUE: \$1 | | | |
|--|--|-------------|----------|
| CODES | DESCRIPTIONS | PUB BUD | NPUB BUD |
| 111A | NON-INSTRUCTIONAL | 116,967 | |
| 111B | INSTRUCTIONAL | 1,292,589 | 43,722 |
| 200 | PERSONAL SERVICES-EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | 139,485 | |
| 321 | TUTORS | | |
| 322 | IN SERVICE | | |
| 323 | PUPIL SERVICES | | |
| 324 | FIELD TRIPS | 17,000 | |
| 325 | PARENT ACTIVITIES | 500 | |
| 330 | EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES | 4,000 | |
| 341 | AUDIT | | |
| 350 | TECHNICAL SERVICES | | |
| 440 | RENTALS | | |
| 450 | CONSTRUCTION SERVICES | | |
| 510 | STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES | | |
| 530 | COMMUNICATIONS | | |
| 560 | านทาเดง | | |
| 580 | TRAVEL | | |
| 600 | SUPPLIES | 20,000 | |
| 730 | EQUIPMENT | | |
| 734 | TECHNOLOGY RELATED HARDWARE | 12,000 | |
| 735 | TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE | 12,467 | |
| 917 | INDIRECT COST | | |
| | TOTAL | \$1,615,008 | \$43,722 |

Original Request Date:

5/4/2015

This budget was approved by Brian Cunnane on 6/1/2015.

Town of Manchester Manchester Board of Education

To: Manchester Board of Education

From: Matthew Geary, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Item for Appropriation for FY 15/16

Date: July 7, 2015

Background: The Manchester Board of Education receives funds from The State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services, for Medicaid eligible Special Education and related services.

Discussion/Analysis: The Board of Education is currently incurring costs under the School Based Child Health Program (Medicaid). The State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services, reimburses the Board for these expenditures in accordance with C.G.S. Section 10-76d(a)(6).

Financial Impact: The anticipated payment of Medicaid funds is calculated as part of the Special Education budget.

Other Board Action: None

Recommendation: The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education request the Board of Directors appropriate \$200,000 for the Medicaid Grant for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Matthew Geary

Superintendent of Schools Manchester, Connecticut

July 13, 2015

To:

Manchester Board of Education

From:

Matthew Geary, Superintendent of Schools

Subject:

Item for Appropriation Fiscal Year FYE 15-16

Date:

July 7, 2015

Background: Each year the Manchester Board of Education must request an appropriation for summer school. High school and middle school students are charged tuition for attendance in summer school programs unless their families' financial statements indicate that a waiver is needed. Tuition money from the high school program, the middle school program, and the summer instrumental music program are used to cover these summer programs.

<u>Discussion/Analysis</u>: The school district places tuition into this account and summer school bills are paid using the tuition money. This request for appropriation is in the amount of \$40,000.

<u>Financial Impact</u>: The Board of Education budgets additional money to support the middle school summer school program.

Other Board/Commission Action: None

Recommendations: The Superintendent recommends that the Manchester Board of Education request the Board of Directors to appropriate \$40,000 for the 2015-2016 summer school program, funded by tuition payments.

Attachments: None

Matthew Geary

Superintendent of Schools Manchester, Connecticut

July 13, 2015

Town of Manchester Manchester Board of Education

To:

Manchester Board of Education

From:

Matthew Geary, Superintendent of Schools

Re:

Item for Appropriation FY 15-16 State Teachers' Retirement

Date:

July 7, 2015

Background: Each year the Manchester Board of Education receives grant funds from The State Teachers' Retirement Board to subsidize health insurance premiums for retirees.

Discussion/Analysis: Retired Teachers and Administrators can elect to continue health insurance coverage through Manchester Public Schools. When they do, the Manchester Board of Education receives the subsidy.

Financial Impact: The Board's cost of retirees health insurance is offset by this subsidy. Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Board issues a quarterly subsidy payment equal to \$110 monthly for individual coverage and up to \$220 monthly for member/spouse coverage.

Other Board Action: None

Recommendation: The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education request the Board of Directors appropriate \$626,409 for the State Teachers' Retirement Grant for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Matthew Geary

Superintendent of Schools Manchester, Connecticut

July 13, 2015