

Board of Education Finance Committee
Minutes
November 7, 2012

Present for the meeting were Mr. Whitt, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Richards, Ms. Quinley, Dr. Clippard and Dr. Belcher.

Mr. Whitt called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2012 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

In Dr. Boren's absence, Dr. Belcher shared information regarding the recommended contract with GCA for contracted custodial services at Battle High School. This contract has been re-negotiated per the Board's instruction to consider salary and benefits that more closely align with those offered by CPS. The information shared included a summary of costs expected to result in annual savings of \$240,000 as compared to the CPS plan for operation of Battle High School. The committee members had several questions about the variable hours, motivation for an outside firm to sustain a profit margin, manager and employee relationships to the building in this type structure, GCA employee satisfaction survey, detail information on number of staff and hours to work as well as requirements to receive benefits. The administrative staffed fielded these questions and committed to getting additional information from GCA to be shared with board members prior to the November 12, 2012 meeting.

Dr. Belcher discussed the impact of the failed state ballot initiative for Proposition B (cigarette tax) on CPS future planning. Passage of the proposition would have resulted in additional annual state funding of \$3.5 to \$4.0 million for CPS. Without this funding, the state funding continues to look more optimistic than in past years as general revenue is increasing. Dr. Belcher and Mrs. Quinley will be meeting with legislators to discuss the need for them to focus on the formula for additional funding as well as more equitable funding between schools. Other possible sources of improved state funding could be tax credit reform and internet sales tax which the District will also continue to push. Local revenues appear to be coming in better than budgeted as well as sales tax is climbing slowly and assessed valuation should be higher due to considerable new construction and improved housing prices and sales.

The local ballot effort (Proposition 1) for mental health for children will come to the District as additional services rather than funding for programs. This could result in consideration of realignment of existing District budget priorities.

Mr. Sessions moved to adjourn; Dr. Clippard second and motion carried.

Mr. Whitt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:
Linda D. Quinley, CFO