

Rochester Board of Education
Finance Committee
August 19, 2013
5:30PM

Attendance: Commissioner Powell (Chair); Commissioners Cruz and White. Parent Representative: Giancarlo Giannini. District Staff: Bill Ansbrow, Chief Financial Officer; Gary Smith, Purchasing Officer. Board Staff: Debra Flanagan.

Commissioner Powell convened the meeting at 5:31PM to review two late submission resolutions in preparation for this evening's Board Business meeting.

I. Review Resolutions in preparation for August 19, 2013 Board Business meeting

A. TRANSPORTATION

1. Regional Transit Services, Inc. – agreement to provide transportation services to RCSD high school students for the 2013-14 school year – Resolution No. 2013-14: 137

Bill Ansbrow reported that the costs under this contract with RTS are significantly less than budgeted.

Commissioner Powell noted that the cost for 2013-14 is approximately \$837K below that for 2012-13, and asked how these cost savings were realized (e.g. different transportation delivery method, reduced ridership by RCSD students). Mr. Ansbrow replied that the cost reduction is primarily due to contract negotiations and more accurate data of the number of students actually riding RTS buses.

Gary Smith explained that the cost for monthly passes for high school students was calculated (approximately \$5.8M) and this was the starting point for negotiations. He pointed out that using monthly passes would not provide the express bus service that has been given to RCSD high school students, and this is why the actual cost of the contract (\$10.6M) is significantly greater than the cost of monthly bus passes.

Motion by Commissioner Cruz to approve above agreement with RTS for transportation services to RCSD high school students for the 2013-14 school year. Seconded by Commissioner White. **Adopted 3-0, with concurrence of Parent Representative.**

B. FOOD SERVICES

1. Aramark Educational Services, LLC – contract renewal to provide breakfast, lunch and snacks to RCSD students – Resolution No. 2013-14: 138

Commissioner Powell noted that the cost under this contract has increased an average of \$0.015 per meal over the last year, which is approximately the same as the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Motion by Commissioner Cruz to approve above contract renewal with Aramark for the 2013-14 school year. Seconded by Commissioner White. **Adopted 3-0, with concurrence of Parent Representative.**

Motion by Commissioner Cruz to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner White. **Adopted 3-0, with concurrence of Parent Representative.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:42PM.