

Rochester Board of Education

Finance Committee

December 13, 2007

5:30 p.m.

Conference Room 3A

Revised Minutes

Attendance: Commissioners Powell (Chair) and Elliott, Commissioner White (not a committee member) District Staff V. Carfagna, V. Connors, G. Smith, F. Greene, T. Keysa, A. Lehner, and Board Staff H. Washington

Chairwoman Powell convened the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

I. Minutes

Motion to approve November Finance Committee Meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Adopted 2-0**

II. Oracle Presentation

Information Technology staff gave a presentation on Oracle. A. Lehner explained the benefits of using the Peoplesoft system for purchasing, accounting and budgeting. G. Smith stated that the District currently has 3 direct connect vendors and that Purchasing expects to add 6 more direct connect vendors in January. Commissioner Powell noted that one of the reasons that Peoplesoft was purchased was to address problems associated with Y2K. The next step will be to upgrade the Human Resource module from 8.8 to 9.0 at a cost of between 2 million and 2.5 million dollars. A. Lehner noted that switching to 3rd party maintenance will reduce costs of maintenance and upgrades.

Commissioners Elliott expressed a concern about the presentation; and felt that she would have would gained a better understanding of the material if she was allowed to ask questions during the presentation.

Commissioner White stated that the following information is needed in order to understand the history of Peoplesoft and to make an informed decision; the cost, and the full measure of the investment, particularly those that have come under fire.

III. November Monthly Financial Reports

The Committee discussed the Available Funds Financial Analysis, Available Funds Report and the Cash Balance Summary.

V. Connors stated that there has not been a need for the District to borrow money in the past 3 to 4 years and that school districts typically have to borrow money when the State Budget is late.

Motion to accept and recommend approval of November Financial Reports to the full Board made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Adopted 2-0**

IV. Reviewed Proposed Resolutions for December 2007 Board Business Meeting

The Committee discussed Information Technology, Procurement & Supply, Educational Facilities and Other resolutions.

a. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- 1. Oracle – Advance to the Board without recommendation (Commissioner Elliott dissented)**

2. **NCS Pearson** -Advance to Board without recommendation (**Commissioner Elliott dissented**)
3. **Centris Group, LLC** - Advance to Board without recommendation (**Commissioner Elliott dissented**)

b. PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

1. **Senior Buyer – John R. Burke** – Motion by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Adopted 2-0**
2. **All American Sports Corporation** - Advance to Board without recommendation (**Commissioner Elliott dissented**)
3. **Flower City Glass** – Motion by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Adopted 2-0**
4. **Corr Distributors, Inc.**- Motion by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Adopted 2-0**

c. FACILITIES

i. Final Payments

1. **Kuitems Construction, Inc.** – Motion by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Adopted 2-0**

ii. Other

1. **Excel** – Motion by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Adopted 2-0**
2. **NY State Education Department** – Motion by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Adopted 2-0**
3. **Capital Improvement Plan** – Motion by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Adopted 2-0**

V. Finalize Budget Calendar

The Contract of Excellence Public hearing will be held along with the Budget hearings in April. Public hearings for the Budget will be held on April 7 and April 21st.

Motion to approve the Budget Calendar for next year was made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Adopted 2-0**

VI. Miscellaneous

Action Items:

A. Lehner will provide the Board with the history of computer upgrades and the cost of the upgrades.

F. Greene will provide expanded materials on the cost of discontinuing Peoplesoft and the turnaround time for a new system to be fully implemented.

Legal will provide details to the Board on whether any money was recouped from the Attorney General's complaint regarding Henry Marini.

Commissioner Powell will e-mail the rest of the Board members the information that was received on extended day program and Saturday Schools.

VII. Next Meeting – January 17, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Powell at 7:35 p.m.

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