

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
BUDGET & FACILITIES MEETING  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 22, 2016  
8:15 a.m. Daly Annex – BOE Conference Room**

Attendance: BOE Members – Alan Baer, Karen Sloan, Chris Nadolne, Nora Johnson, Beth Weisburd, Dr. Kathleen Mooney, Superintendent of Schools, Mary Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Jim Ristano, Director of Facilities. Approximately five residents also attended.

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.

**Pierce Coach Line:**

Mary Callahan received a letter agreement with Pierce Coach Line for the 2016-17 school year and reviewed the contents with committee members. Pierce currently supplies approximately 29 buses for student transportation. Unless the budget is voted down, the district will not reduce transportation runs and transportation services will continue as usual. Ms. Callahan will respond to Pierce assuring the company regarding continued transportation services.

**Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center (JCC):**

The JCC currently uses district space for afterschool programs at Guggenheim Elementary School. The program services local families for afterschool care and the program has gradually increased in enrollment. Therefore, JCC is requesting the use of additional space. In order to cover the costs of the expansion, committee members agreed to charge a roster fee per semester to all child care programs.

**Budget:**

The only staff change from the 2/3 presentation is .3 less of an increase in physical education. This reduction will yield a \$28,000 in reduction in the 2016-17 school year. All principals did provide lists for reduction in supplies and equipment. These amounts yielded a combined total \$100,000 in savings for elementary schools, \$20,000 in reductions for the middle school and \$40,000 in reductions at the high school. In addition, there is a great concern for the district's current revenue which could be affected by the LIPA tax cuts in PILOT payments. Ms. Callahan will provide additional updates to the committee as further developments occur.

Two budget options will be presented at a community forum on Tuesday, February 23 immediately following the BOE Meeting. The two options are as follows: Option #1: Will present a budget that stays within the district's draft tax levy cap of 0.65%, so an override is not necessary. This option includes cuts to various supplies and equipment and does not include additional staffing. Additionally, this option would use approximately \$450,000 in unexpended 2015-16 budget allocations. Option #2: This presents a budget that exceeds the district's draft tax levy cap of 0.65%, yet would carry a tax levy increase that would still remain under 2%. It would require an override of the tax levy cap and a supermajority vote of 60%. This option includes all new recommendations for staffing. In addition, this option would use approximately \$450,000 in unexpended 2015-16 budget allocations. There will be a question and answer period following the presentation and the Board would like to hear from as many community members as time allows.

**Bond/Construction:**

Bond construction plans are currently in the State Education Department of Facilities & Planning for review and approval. The State Education department recently hired ten engineering firms to review plans and expedite approval process. As soon as plans are approved the district will move ahead with the bidding process for construction projects.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 7, 2016 @ 8:15 a.m. – Daly Annex - BOE Conference Room