

Committee Members

John Foley, Chairman

Molly McCullough, Vice Chairman

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AGENDA #1

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A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 5:04 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Durkin Administration Building in Room 410.

There were present: Mr. Comparetto, Miss McCullough, Chairman Foley

Representing Administration: Mr. Allen, Dr. Friel, Dr. O'Neil, Superintendent Binienda

Others in Attendance: S. Consalvo, J. Bedard, D Seymour, J. Hennessey, P. Comerford, H. Weinsaft, T. Novick, K. Valentine Goins, M. Freeman, D. Victor, J. O'Connor, M. Cutler

gb #8-233 -Administration (July 18, 2018)

To review the status of the FY19 Budget and make appropriate transfers as required.

Mr. Allen provided an update on the Second Quarter Report for the FY19 Budget.

It was moved to approve the following transfers:

Amount	From Account	From Account Title	To Account	To Account Title
\$813,250	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	500-92204	Instructional Supplies
\$110,000	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	500136-92000	Miscellaneous OM (School Safety)
\$100,000	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	500152-92000	Facilities OM (Building Repairs)
\$65,000	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	500152-92000	Facilities OM (Environmental Management)
\$300,000	500-91111	Teacher Salaries	540103-97000	Transportation Overtime
\$210,000	500-91120	Maintenance Service Salaries	500-97201	Custodial Overtime
\$155,000	500146-92000	Building Utilities	500152-92000	Facilities OM (Trash Removal)

On a roll call of 3-0 the motion was approved.

Hold for the third quarter report.

gb #8-259 - Administration (August 28, 2018)

To authorize the Administration to enter into contracts for the lease of property for a possible term of 10 years or up to twenty years for the operation of student transportation for a contract term to begin in June 2020.

On a roll call of 3-0, the item was approved.

FILE

gb #8-260 - Administration (August 28, 2018)

To authorize the Administration to enter into contracts for the lease of school buses, special education school buses, and wheelchair buses for a term of up to five years for the operation of student transportation for a contract term to begin in June 2020.

On a roll call of 3-0, the item was approved.

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gb #8-291.1 Miss Biancheria/Mr. Comparetto/Miss McCullough/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell (September 26, 2018)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the availability of snow removal equipment for individual school sites or available for school use to include snow blowers and plow trucks.

Mr. Foley made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide, in a Friday letter, a list of snow removal equipment broken down by year, size and estimated cost for possible replacement.

Request that the Administration provide, in a Friday letter, a list of snow blowers currently at the schools.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

FILE

gb #9-59 - Administration (February 13, 2019)

To review bid specifications for student transportation services and award contract to lowest responsive and responsible bidder for a contract term to begin in June 2020.

Mr. Allen gave a report on the backup for the item. Superintendent Binienda suggested that the Worcester Public Schools phase in a self-operating buses transportation system over the next few years by adding up to 42 vans.

Attendees Karen Valentine-Gorins and Tracy Novick spoke to the item.

Miss McCullough made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a more detailed breakdown of the cost savings of having a self operating district transportation system along with an estimated cost of entering into such an undertaking.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. Foley made the following motions:

Request that the Administration prepare a two year contract allowing for an optional third year.

Request that the Administration prepare a five year contract bid for transportation services, effective the first day of summer school 2020.

Request that the Administration invite viable vendors to submit Request for Proposals.

Request that the Administration submit a cost estimate to self operate district transportation.

On a roll call of 3-0, the motions were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.  
Clerk of the School Committee