



Budget & Finance Subcommittee Meeting

January 22, 2018 5:30 PM

The Morgan School
Learning Commons
71 Killingworth Tpke
Clinton, CT 06413

Attendance Taken at 5:33 PM:

Present Board Members:

Erica Gelven
Sandy Luke (arrived at 5:42 pm)
Todd Pozefsky
Lois Ruggiero
Kimberly Russo

1. Opening Exercises

1.A. Roll call

Discussion:

Additional Board of Education members present: Kimberley Russo, Sandy Luke (arrived at 5:42 pm), Todd Pozefsky (arrived at 5:50pm)

Also present: Business Director Carolyn Dickey and members of the public

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion:

Board Chair Gelven lead all participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. 2018-2019 Budget Discussion

Discussion:

Superintendent O'Donnell reviewed the work done by the subcommittee during previous meetings and shared the work for the evening which includes a conversation of whether or not the school district is staffed appropriately and a discussion about class sizes. She stated that she would share her response to questions posed by BOE members prior to the meeting.

Board Chair Erica Gelven asked for clarification of various line-items in the draft budget.

The Superintendent led the subcommittee in a conversation about the projected transportation costs for the 2018-2019 school year.

The subcommittee discussed transportation costs as it relates to intramural and interscholastic sports. Superintendent O'Donnell stated she would provide the subcommittee with additional cost and participation information.

The subcommittee next discussed class size averages at each grade level and the possibility of reducing the number of teachers at various grade levels including a reconfiguration of teams at the middle school.

The subcommittee discussed potential cost savings regarding teacher retirements and the possibility of offering an early retirement offer.

Employee medical insurance costs were also discussed.

Superintendent O'Donnell distributed her written responses to Mr. Pozefsky's emailed budget questions.

She also provided budget details regarding the costs associated with nursing services.

3. Adjournment

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by M. Famiglietti