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PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Pentucket Regional High School
February 24, 2009

Members Present: Chairman Atwood, Mrs. Moran, Mr. Willett, Mrs. Kastrinelis, Mrs. Conner, Dr. Treado, Mr. D'Amore, Mrs. McGrail, and Mrs. Albert

Also Present: Dr. Livingston, Dr. Hart, and Ms. McWilliams

Call to Order: Chairman Atwood called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken. The majority vote was 4.6.

Agenda

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Albert and seconded by Mrs. Conner to accept the agenda. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Minutes

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Albert and seconded by Mrs. McGrail to approve the minutes for the February 10, 2009 business meeting. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

New Business

Maria Gray, P.A.T. President

Mrs. Gray spoke with the Committee regarding communication issues.

FY09 Monthly Financial Reports

Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

FY10 Budget

Members continued to discuss the FY10 budget.

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Albert to adjust the revenue figures to increase Chapter 70 by \$400,000. There was an amendment to include adjusting the revenue with \$50,000 stabilization, \$50,000 Pending Special Education Out of District, Federal Stimulus \$420,000 and Chapter 70 \$400,000. Motion failed. (for: Kastrinelis, Atwood, Albert, Moran)(opposed: Willett, Conner, D'Amore, Treado, McGrail)(for: 3.8)(opposed: 5.2)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Dr. Treado and seconded by Mrs. Moran to increase the revenue projections with Federal Stimulus \$420,000, Chapter 70 \$300,000, Stabilization \$50,000, and Pending Special Out of District \$50,000. Motion withdrawn.

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Conner and seconded by Mr. Willet to approve the suggested list of cuts as presented by the Superintendent with the exception of the following: Lead Custodians \$23,000, HS Business \$54,000, MS French \$65,000, HS French \$43,000, along with level funding Professional Development to \$131,722. Motion carried. (for: Kastrinelis, D'Amore, Willett, McGrail, Conner)(opposed: Albert, Treado, Atwood Moran)(for: 5.2)(opposed: 3.8)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Kastrinelis and seconded by Mrs. McGrail to reconsider the previous motion. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Conner and seconded by Dr. Treado to approve the suggested list of cuts as presented by the Superintendent with the exception of the following: Lead Custodians \$23,000, HS Business \$54,000, MS French \$65,000, HS French \$43,000, along with level funding Professional Development to \$131,722. Motion failed. (for: Kastrinelis, D'Amore, Willett, Conner)(opposed: Albert, Treado, McGrail, Atwood, Moran)(for: 4.1)(opposed: 4.9)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Conner and seconded by Mrs. Willet to approve the suggested list of cuts as presented by the Superintendent totally \$1,284,000 (white column). Motion failed. (for: Willett, Conner, D'Amore)(opposed: Treado, McGrail, Moran, Albert, Atwood, Kastrinelis)(for: 3.0)(opposed: 6.0)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Dr. Treado and seconded by Mrs. Moran to approve a reduction in professional development of \$132,000 and to approve the suggested list of cuts as presented by the Superintendent totally \$1,090,000. The total reduction totally \$1,167,000. The approved voted budget of \$34,355,241. Motion carried. (for: Albert, Moran, Atwood, Treado, McGrail, D'Amore)(opposed: Willet, Kastrinelis, Conner)(for: 6.0)(opposed: 3.0)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Kastrinelis and seconded by Mr. D'Amore to approve any additional savings in health insurance would be put back into the budget to save teaching positions. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Albert to adjourn at 9:58. Motion failed. (for: Moran)(opposed: Treado, McGrail, Kastrinelis, Willett, D'Amore, Albert, Atwood, Conner)(for: 1.1)(opposed: 7.9)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Conner and seconded by Dr. Treado to continue the meeting after 10:00 Motion carried. (for: Treado, McGrail, Kastrinelis, Willett, D'Amore, Albert, Atwood, Conner) (opposed: Moran) (for: 7.9)(opposed: 1.1)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Dr. Treado and seconded by Mrs. Albert to reconsider the previous motion regarded the budget vote. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Dr. Treado and seconded by Mrs. Albert to vote the approved budget of \$34,355,241 and to approve the Superintendents list of reductions with the addition of a total reduction in professional development of \$132,000. The list of reductions is as follows:

- Total Reduction in Professional Development \$132,000
- Essex County Pay Early Discount \$38,000
- Special Education Materials \$54,000
- High School Category 2 \$75,000
- Elementary Category 2 \$70,000
- Middle School Category 2 \$25,000
- Central Service Secretary \$25,000
- Lead Custodians (salary reduction) \$23,000
- Special Ed OOD/PreK Coordinator (.5 Grant) \$40,000
- Elementary Teachers (3) \$169,000
- Elementary Enrichment (3) \$160,000
- Literacy Tutors \$24,000
- Middle School Building Aide \$15,000

- .2 Specials at Middle School \$100,000
- Middle School French \$65,000
- .5 Middle School Special Ed Coordinator \$35,000
- Middle School Library Aide \$20,000
- High School French \$43,000
- High School Business \$54,000

Total reductions \$1,167,000. Motion carried. (for: Treado, McGrail, D'Amore, Atwood, Moran, Kastrinelis, Albert)(opposed: Willett, Conner)(for: 7.1)(opposed: 1.9)

Amendment/Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Conner and seconded by Mrs. Kastrinelis to add an amendment to the above motion that would add back into the budget Middle and High School French, Lead Custodians, and High School Business. Amendment failed: (for: Conner, Willett) (opposed: Treado, McGrail, Moran, D'Amore, Kastrinelis, Atwood, Albert) (for: 1.9) (opposed: 7.2)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Kastrinelis and seconded by Mrs. Conner to ask the administration to look into maintaining French at the middle and high school. Motion carried. (for: Kastrinelis, D'Amore, Willett, Moran, McGrail, Atwood, Albert, Conner)(abstained: Treado)(for 7.9)(abstained: 1.1)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and second by Mrs. Albert to amend the revenue assumptions to increase the Chapter 70 \$300,000, Federal stimulus \$420,000, Stabilization \$50,000 and Pending Out of District Special Ed \$50,000. Motion withdrawn.

Motion/vote

It was moved by Mrs. Kastrinelis and seconded by Mrs. Conner to ask the administration to look into maintaining the lead custodian positions. Motion failed. (for: Kastrinelis, Willett, Conner)(opposed: Treado, McGrail, Moran, Atwood, Albert)(abstained: D' Amore)(for: 3.0)(opposed: 4.9)(abstained: 1.1)

Day on the Hill

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Dr. Treado and seconded by Mrs. Moran to appoint Mrs. Conner to represent the School Committee at "Day on a Hill". Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Superintendent's Evaluation

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Dr. Treado and seconded by Mrs. Moran to have members used the first version of the evaluation and to strive to confine comments to ten (10) sentences. Motion carried. (for: D'Amore, Willett, Conner, Atwood, Moran, McGrail Treado)(opposed: Albert, Kastrinelis)(for: 7.1)(opposed: 1.9)

Executive Session, Chapter 39, Section 23 B.3

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Dr. Treado to enter into executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations. Motion carried by roll call vote. (unanimous approval)

Adjournment

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Dr. Treado and seconded by Mrs. McGrail to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Naffah
Recording Secretary

