

**MINUTES OF FISCAL
COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
Stamford, Connecticut
May 26, 2009

The Fiscal Committee Meeting of the Board of Education was held on May 26, 2009 at the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Ms. Heftman, Chairperson, with the following Committee members present: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Mathews, and Ms. Nabel. Absent: Mr. Rubino. Also in attendance: Ms. Lorenti, Ms. Wade, Dr. Starr, and Dr. Nicholson, Mr. Murphy, representative from the Advocate, representative from the SEA, and 2 guests.

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Mr. King to move agenda item #3 out of order.

The motion passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Mathews, and Ms. Nabel.

Mr. Murphy reported that Chartwells was chosen as the new food service vendor for 2009/10. Sodexho's contract expires 6/30/09 and they withdrew their bid for consideration of a new contract. Mr. Mathews made a request for information regarding how many current food service employees will be employed with the new vendor.

Resolution 05-28-09:108

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Mr. King:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education that the Board of Education accept the proposal from Chartwell's (Option 1.5) to provide food service operations to the school district with a guarantee of no cost to the district from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 with the option to renew four times.

The resolution passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Mathews, and Ms. Nabel.

Reallocation of the 2009/10 budget was then discussed. Dr. Starr will provide an updated spreadsheet Thursday night, 5/28/09, that includes the SAU (\$20,000) and ESEA (\$66,000) contributions. These funds would be put into the teacher contingency account. He also proposed canceling the last day of school in order to save \$71,000 in transportation and utility costs. These funds would be

used to purchase items this year in order to prepay some expenses in next year's budget.

Mr. Mathews proposed cutting \$500,000 from outside consultant costs. Ms. Wade proposed a \$330,000 cut instead and Mr. Mathews agreed. Ms. Nabel asked Dr. Starr to provide a list of the consultants which would be cut. He will provide that on 5/28/09 at the Special Meeting. Ms. Nabel reminded the Board that some consultants are providing services which used to be done by staff people whose positions were cut in previous years.

Mr. Mathews moved, seconded by Mr. King to amend the budget resolution to reduce consultant fees by \$330,000 (10%).

The motion was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Mathews, and Ms. Nabel.

Ms. Nabel then proposed not filling two retiring assistant principal positions and transferring that money to the teacher salary account. Ms. Heftman noted that the Fiscal Committee had to adjourn to make way for the Regular Meeting. She advised Ms. Nabel to raise the issue at the Special Meeting on 5/28/09.

Resolution 05-28-09:109

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Mr. King:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education revise the 2009-10 Operating Budget as outlined and amended in the attached document for a revised total of \$219,408,146 (.37%) and 1,888.7 positions.

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Mathews, and Ms. Nabel.

Resolution 05-28-09:110

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Ms. Nabel:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education revise the 2009-10 Grants Budget in the amount of \$27,318,027 and 180.6 positions as outlined on the attached documents allowing the Superintendent to apply for, accept funding, and administer all the itemized grants on the attached list.

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Mathews, and Ms. Nabel.

Mr. Mathews moved, seconded by Mr. King to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Mathews, and Ms. Nabel.

Joshua P. Starr, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Executive Officer