



Colchester Board of Education Minutes Budget Committee

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Time: 7:30 AM

Place: BOE Conference Room

Members Present: Chairman Tim Lamp, Donald Kennedy, Mary Tomasi

Administrators Present: Karen Loiselle, Maggie Cosgrove, Katherine Shaughnessy

Others Present: Robert Esteve, Ronald Goldstein, Eva Gallupe

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tim Lamp called the meeting to order at 7:31 AM

2. Citizen Comments

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by: Donald Kennedy

To approve the minutes from the December 4, 2009 meeting.

Seconded by: Tim Lamp

Vote: Unanimous

4. FY 2009-2010 Financial Reports

- **Monthly Budget Reports**

Karen Loiselle informed the Committee that a budget freeze had been implemented.

Ms. Cosgrove presented the financial report as of December 31, 2009, explaining that insurance waivers have increased as well as Unemployment claims, Tech Transportation and Classified Personnel Salaries from an increase in sub-nurses and reductions in the Consolidated grant funding for paraprofessionals.

- **Budget Transfers**

None

- **Health Insurance Reserve**
Ms. Cosgrove informed the Committee that all credits have been returned by Anthem for the errors in processing stop loss claim limits. Ms. Cosgrove indicated that a report would be prepared at fiscal year end reflecting the receipt of the credits in the months in which the excess claims were actually paid for historical comparison purposes.
- **Special Education Excess Cost Report**
Ms. Shaughnessy reviewed changes within the tuition accounts pointing out that two high cost students have moved into the district.

Ms. Shaughnessy informed the Committee that there is an expected 70% cap on the Excess Cost reimbursement from the State.

Ms. Shaughnessy left the meeting at 8:20 AM

5. Old Business

- **Status of OCR Violations**
Ms. Loiselle reported that all additional work on the Bacon fire alarm has been completed.
- **2010-11 Budget Development**
Ms. Loiselle presented the following:
 - The health insurance renewal cost estimates are reasonable.
 - The Administrative team is meeting to prioritize needs.
 - The budget will come in as cost effective as possible.
 - A presentation will be included on the summary of reductions in operational costs.
- **Magnet/VoAg School Tuition**
Ms. Loiselle informed the Committee that EastConn has increased tuition rates mid-year without notice. After a detailed discussion the Committee supported the Superintendent's position of paying the original quoted tuition amount and not the increased amount.

6. New Business

- **Charter School Tuition – Proposal**
Ms. Loiselle presented the Committee with information regarding the State's proposal that local districts pay for Charter School Tuition of resident students.
- **Insurance Committee meeting with Anthem & Ovation Benefits**
Ms. Cosgrove presented an overview of the last Insurance Committee meeting. The meeting was productive and lent itself as a good learning experience. A reimbursement of approximately

\$10,400 was issued to credit time spent administering the stop loss issue.

7. Adjournment

Motion by: Donald Kennedy

To adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by: Mary Tomasi

Vote: Unanimous

Chairman Tim Lamp adjourned the meeting at 8:45 AM

Sincerely,

Eva B. Gallupe
Financial Administrator