

**MINUTES
BOARD OF FINANCE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
May 21, 2019
City Hall Auditorium**

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A **SPECIAL JOINT MEETING** of the Board of Finance and the Board of Education was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Atty. Victor Muschell, and Board of Finance Members Lance Boynton, Laurene Pesce, Mark Bushka, Christopher Anderson, Christopher Beyus and James Wright. Board of Education members present included Jessica Richardson, Molly Spino, John Kissko, Ellen Hoehne, Cathy Todor, Armand Manica, Gary Euchalitto, and Fiona Cappabianca. Comptroller Alice Proulx was also present along with Deputy Comptroller Gina Casper, Treasurer Dan Farley, Purchasing Agent Pennie Zucco, Public Works Director Raymond Drew, Street Dept. Supervisor Bill Mayers, Fleet Manager Emil Castro, Fire Chief Peter Towey, Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp, and Police Captain Wayne Newkirk. Other Representatives from the Board of Education that were present included Superintendent of Schools Susan M. Lubomski, Asst. Superintendent of Schools Susan Fergusson, Interim Director of Business Services Ed Arum, and Director of Facilities David Bascetta.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

DISCUSSION: FY 19/20 TPS BUDGET

Supt. Lubomski informed the Board of Finance that she presented revised FY 19/20 budgets to the Board of Education, which reflected a 2.44% and a 0% increase to the operational budget from the current fiscal year. She reported that the Board of Education agreed to the first set of cuts which would bring the operational budget increase down from 3.8% to 2.44% above the current fiscal year, but did not accept the cuts that were identified for a 0% increase, which included the elimination of sports at the middle school and increasing class sizes. Supt. Lubomski emphasized the importance of middle school sports and responsible class sizes, as well as the need for capital improvements at the schools. The Boards discussed the revised TPS budget, with special attention to the lease of East School to EdAdvance for alternative education services. They also discussed the allocation of grant funds.

DISCUSSION: EXCESS COST FUNDS TRANSFER REQUEST

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Beyus, the Boards opened up a discussion regarding the request by the Board of Education to transfer Excess Cost funds in the amount of \$918,917, as of April 2, 2019, in order to mitigate special education and transportation charges in excess of the 2018-2019 budgeted amount. Mr. Arum explained the factors that led to the need for additional funds, including misinformation from the state, and Mr. Bushka asked which account the funds would come from. Mayor Carbone informed the Board that the funds would come from the City's General Fund. The Boards discussed possible solutions for generating more reliable cost projections in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Beyus, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. Clerk

ATTEST: 
CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK