

GROTON-DUNSTABLE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Budget and Finance Meeting Minutes
Prescott
September 11, 2009 - 9:00 AM

A. Manugian called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Present: Dr. A. Genovese, A. Manugian, J. Sjoberg, J. Frey, P. McGrath, K. Roensch

Handouts: "FY2010 Adopted Budget – category Transfer Request", "FY2010 Budget Line Item Transfer Request"

Swallow Union Painting

- Done, all paper work in and paid.

Middle School Projector Project

- Projectors were on back log so the project is ongoing
- All contractors are CORI'ed, but are doing installations after school hours
- 25 out of 30 still left to do

High School Water

- All water bottles have been removed and replaced with a sign indicating water is drinkable
- Left-over water bottles being used by athletic teams and will be returned for deposits when used

Legal – MPC Computer Purchase

- Recap: GDRSD leased computers from Gateway that included software and warranty. Gateway divested itself of this portion of its business to MPC. MPC went bankrupt, after delivering computers to GDRSD, but without software and will not be in a position to honor the warranty
- MPC is suing for full payment
- GDRSD's position is that MPC will not meet all of its obligations under the contract so full payment is not warranted
- Atty. Howard Greenspan is working on this

FY2009 Audit

- Scheduled for next week
- End-of-Year report due by end of September

Update on Casella Land Bond

- Plan is to have the bond to market by the end of September
- Plan is to vote on the bond during the Oct. 7th business meeting

FY2010 Budget Reconciliation

- No bottom line change to the budget with these transfers
- Need to reconcile the budget with DOE codes. Some codes were misapplied, some codes have been "clarified" by the DOE, some budget items were put under the wrong code
- Desire is to have this done before the new Interim-Business Administrator is on board so the slate is clean

Updated: 11-Sep-09

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- The School Committee voted the budget at the 1000 level, with Payroll, Salary, and Expense breakdowns. Next year the goal will be to vote the budget at the 1000 level with no breakdowns on Salary, Payroll, and Expense. The divisions between these categories is a DOE distinction that appears to add little value to the committee
- Went through hand-outs in an attempt to discuss how they could be updated for clarity before being presented to the full Committee for a vote
- Desire is to vote on transfers at Wednesday's meeting (9/16/09)

Lightning Strike, HS Water Issue

- A lightning strike stopped the HS water pump
- Administration is making sure this was an extra-ordinary event and there is no other issue

J. Sjoberg made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 9:50 am, seconded by J. Frey.
MOTION passes 3:0:0

Respectfully Submitted,
Jon Sjoberg