



Finance Subcommittee Report

Date: January 17, 2019

Committee: Finance Committee

Chair: Kate Brown

In attendance: Kate Brown, Michelle Ritcheson, John Morang, Michelle Lickteig, Becky Foley

Guests: Dennis Ouellette

Meeting Date: January 16, 2019

Agenda Items and Discussion:

Track & Field: electrical for PA system and softball field drainage:

Dennis Ouellette told the committee about a drainage issue that was causing the softball infield materials to move off the interior of the field. The fix for this was two-fold. First, a deep tine aeration was done throughout the field. Second, a small trench was dug around the infield. Both of these fixes have mitigated the movement of the infield materials. Dr. Foley then told the committee about the current balance of funds from the fundraising Tri Track Town has done and what is left for the PA System install. It appears there is about \$20,000 from the fundraising to put towards the PA system that will cost about \$40,000 to install including \$11,000 in electrical to be run for both the PA System and the Snack Shack. Several Boosters organizations are also willing to donate another \$2,200. This will leave approximately \$18,000 left for the RSU to fund. The question was posed to the committee if they were for using any realized savings from the current budget to fund the rest of the PA System. The committee was on board with using savings from the current year. Michelle L is to do a projection to see how much savings there might be to contribute to this project and let the Finance Committee know by February's meeting.

Next Steps on Solar Power:

Dr. Foley wanted to know what our next steps were for potential Solar Power installation and partnering with the Town of Freeport to help with costs. It was the committee's decision to pass this on to the newly forming Sustainability Committee. They would like more research into this process and the impacts to the school district and the budget. The Finance Committee feels the Sustainability Committee would be more suited to gather this information and give an informed decision to the School Board.

Next Steps on Cost Sharing:

Michelle L brought an email from Drummond Woodsum to the Committee, in which Finance Committee chair, Kate Brown, posed several questions stemming from research done in a prior Finance Committee meeting regarding the RPC minutes from the original meetings on the formation of the RSU. During the research, questions around the state statutes and how cost sharing formulas should be done were raised. Drummond Woodsum clarified these questions, just to make sure the RSU was in line with the state laws and that if a recommendation to change the formula would be in direct violation of the state statutes. After some discussion on the clarification, it was determined that the next steps would be for Kate to review her original letter to the towns of Durham, Freeport and Pownal and make sure the committee has researched everything the committee and the towns wanted researched and that all back-up documentation of this research is on hand for presentation. Michelle L is to contact a prior RPC member to see if they can answer any additional questions the committee may have at the next meeting. The committee will then review at the next meeting what may be left to research.

Next Meeting:

January 23, 2019 at 5p at Central Office.

Submitted by: Michelle Lickteig, Director of Finance