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## Finance Subcommittee Report

Date: September 13, 2018

Committee: Finance Committee

Chair: Kate Brown

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

Guests:

Meeting Date: September 12, 2018

### Agenda Items and Discussion:

#### Discussion/Election of Chair:

Michelle R. nominated Kate Brown. John seconded. 3-0 in favor of Kate as chair. Kate Brown is now the Finance Committee Chair for FY 19.

#### Substitute Bus Wages:

Dr. Foley discussed the issues with obtaining substitute bus drivers. Our most immediate cohort, Brunswick, pays about \$22/hour. We are paying about \$19/hour. The decision was made to talk to the union about increasing the hourly wage just for substitute bus drivers, knowing they will not receive any benefits and are not guaranteed a full-time job. Barring any policy that would prohibit this: Michelle R made a motion to authorize a substitute bus driver wage of \$22/hour. John seconded. 3-0 in favor of \$22/hour for sub bus wage.

#### Update on PA System:

Dr. Foley wanted to update the committee that the Tri-Town Track group has enough funds to pay for a consultant to give the RSU options of a PA system for the new track and field. This will have to go to the board for approval once we have the options. Dr. Foley believes we will have to revisit the town about a noise ordinance. Michelle R believes this has already been addressed. Dr. Foley will talk with Pat Carroll, the architect of the track and field, to verify if any further steps need to be taken in reference to the noise ordinance.

#### Solar Panel Installation partnership with Town of Freeport:

Michelle L discussed with the committee the option of partnering with the Town of Freeport to have solar panels installed and help reduce cost of electricity while also becoming more green. Michelle L told the committee that the Town of Freeport has done a Feasibility Study and included the schools from all three towns. Because Peter Joseph from Freeport was unable to join us, this was a preliminary discussion to see if the RSU would like to move forward and pursue the option of switching to solar panels. The committee has decided to move forward. Dr. Foley will reach out to Mr. Joseph and request he join a future Finance Committee meeting to discuss the costs and benefits of partnering in solar panel installation.

**Next Steps on Cost Sharing:**

Kate will reach out to the three towns again for any final information they would like to provide before the workshop to happen on October 10, 2018 at 6:30p at Mast Landing School. The workshop will allow each town to speak and a question and answer session between the towns and the school board will follow. After this workshop, all information will go back to the Finance Committee to discuss options. The committee agreed we will need more meetings if we want to accomplish any change in time for the budget.

**2018/2019 Finance Committee Topics:**

Tabled until next meeting due to lack of time.

**Other:**

- Dr. Foley updated the committee on a shared position between the Town of Freeport and the RSU. This position will do the plowing for the Town in the winter months and work on grounds and field maintenance in the summer. The employee will be employed by the RSU and the Town of Freeport will reimburse the RSU for 50% of the cost of the employee. This position is included in the budget which replaced a seasonal position that used to be in the budget.
- Dr. Foley brought to the committee that the Tri-Town Track group would like to recognize Zachau Construction for donating the time and materials to build the snack shack at the new Track & Field facility by putting a plaque on the wall of the snack shack. The Finance Committee was in full support of putting up a plaque in recognition of Zachau's work.
- Dr. Foley also asked if we could pursue the cost of adding electricity to the snack shack. There are possibilities of potential donors to donate the labor of installation. The Finance Committee agreed to find options and come back with costs.

**Next Meeting:**

October 10, 2018 at Central Office.

Submitted by: Michelle Lickteig, Director of Finance