

BARRINGTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 220**Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting****MAY 5, 2020****Members Present**

Gavin Newman, Leah Collister Lazzari

Location

Administrative Center, 515 West Main Street, Barrington, Illinois. 60010

1. MAY 5, 2020 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**2. OPEN SESSION**

2.01 Roll Call

2.02 Call meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2.03 Public Comment - No public comment.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

3.01 Approval of Finance Committee Minutes from April 7, 2020

The Finance Committee members approved the minutes from the April 7, 2020 Finance Committee meeting.

3.02 Student Fee Refunds

LeeAnn Taylor, Director of Fiscal Services, outlined fees that will be refunded for the 2019-2020 school year due to the pandemic and digital learning environment. The Business Office will be reaching out to families over the next several weeks. Refunds will be made for Kindergarten Enrichment, paid transportation services, and BHS student parking. Refunds will also be made for field trips that did not take place as well as athletic or club expenses.

3.03 Custodial Contract Renewal

David Bein, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, stated that in 2016 the District entered into a contract for cleaning services at Barrington High School with GCA Services Group. They are now officially known as ABM Industry Groups. The terms of the contract provide for an initial year plus up to four renewals based on CPI. Next year, the 2020-2021 school year, would be the last renewal year under the current contract. After next year, the District will be required to bid this contract out. The rate of increase requested by ABM for next year is 2.1%, which is this year's CPI. This request also reflects the increase in minimum wage. Elliot Echols, Director of Operations, reported that ABM has consistently been doing a great job. Gavin asked the administration if it would be possible to offer less than CPI for next year. The administration felt that, in their experience, when you reduce the requested increase, the custodial company will decrease personnel for the site. Dave reported that the custodial contract may be affected by the pandemic, depending on what happens in the fall. After further discussion, it was decided that the administration would go back to ABM and try to negotiate a lower increase for next year. Dave will report back to the Board on the results of the negotiations.

3.04 Breakfast and Lunch Prices

LeeAnn stated that last year the National School Lunch Program breakfast and lunch prices were increased by 5%. Since there was a large increase last year and the paid lunch equity calculator does not indicate an increase is required, the administration is not recommending an increase in prices for the 2020-2021 school year.

3.05 Sodexo Renewal

LeeAnn stated that Sodexo is about to complete the first year of a five-year contract with Barrington 220. They are requesting a 3% increase to offset their increased costs for the 2020-2021 school year. Dave stated that, much like the custodial contract, the Sodexo contract may be affected by the pandemic in the fall, but that is an unknown at this point. The District will continue to feed students as long as possible during the upcoming summer. LeeAnn stated that there are several food service companies that do not want to go back to their districts because they are not making money. After further discussion, it was decided that the administration would go back to Sodexo and try to negotiate a lower increase for next year. Dave will report back to the Board on the results of the negotiations.

3.06 Ombudsman Contract Renewal

LeeAnn stated that the Ombudsman program provides the District with an off-campus program designed to reduce dropout rates, increase graduation rates, increase attendance levels, and improve academic performance for dropout prevention at the high school level. Ombudsman offers the District's non-traditional learners an opportunity to encounter individualized

learning that is different from the traditional school setting. It has been determined that five slots will be adequate for the upcoming three school years. Dr. Harris stated that this program provides on-line learning for three hours per day. This is a specialized environment and the District needs these placements for unique students who have unique issues. The Finance Committee was in agreement with the Ombudsman proposal for the next three years. Approval of this agreement will be on the next Board agenda for approval.

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.01 Closed Session - For the purpose of discussing: Employment matters, performance of a specific employee, collective negotiating matters, legal matters, security procedures, student disciplinary matters, and the purchase, lease or sale price of real property.

No closed session required.

5. ADJOURN

5.01 Adjourn

The Finance Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.