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AMENDED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Tuesday, April 16, 2019

The Operations Committee met on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 36 at the Board of Education Administration Building, 129 Church Street, Bristol.

Present: Committee Chair Karen Hintz, Jeff Caggiano, Tom O'Brien and Karen Vibert

Also Present: Chris Wilson, Jill Browne, Dr. Michael Dietter, Dr. Sam Galloway, Dr. Susan Moreau, Peter Fusco, Chris Cassin and David Foulds

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Karen Hintz.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE March 19, 2019 MEETING

A motion made by Jeff Caggiano and seconded by Tom O'Brien to accept the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting was unanimously approved.

3. BEHS Dugout Project

Representatives from the Bristol Eastern Dugout Project addressed the committee again to share their plans, drawings and proposal with pricing for the dugout project at Bristol Eastern. They have found that constructing the dugouts will be much more cost effective than pre-fab. The proposal for the dugouts and fence will be in excess of \$100,000. Following their presentation, several questions were asked regarding accessibility, security, and following proper City protocols. Commissioner O'Brien said the committee was looking for more information, it is a good plan, and it just needs someone to put it together; the group should be working with an architect or general contractor. This evening the group was looking for approval for as many components of the project as possible. Commissioner O'Brien did not feel comfortable approving raising funds for the dugout, but they could raise money for the professional services they will need to enlist and for the fencing.

On a motion by Commissioner Jeffrey Caggiano and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was unanimously voted to allow The Friends of Bristol Eastern Athletics to raise funds for professional services and fencing in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Peter Fusco said they he would work with the group. They also presented their idea of a fundraiser at Muzzy Field. This did not require committee approval as it did not fall under the Operation Committee purview.

4. Community Eligibility Plan (CEP) for 2019-2020

Jill Browne, Business Manager and David Foulds, Food Services Director presented the Community Eligibility Plan (CEP) for 2019-2020. They walked the committee through the program sharing our current numbers; including revenue, participation and reimbursement. This evening Mrs. Browne and Mr. Foulds were presenting the request to add Bristol Central to the Community Eligibility Plan (CEP).

Discussion followed regarding clarifications of the eligibility numbers, which of the current programs are successful and why; plans for increasing high school participation numbers, the grouping of schools; participation and percentage rates.

Commissioner Caggiano stated that having the program at Bristol Central and not at Bristol Eastern is not going to be well received across the district. He does not want to feed those who can pay. He is not in favor of the program. He asked why are we feeding 60% of the people who can afford to pay? He does not like using federal dollars when we are trillions of dollars in the hole.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that given the information we should move forward because the trillion dollar deficit is not going away; it will just go somewhere else, so it might as well go here.

On a motion by Commissioner Tom O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Caggiano it was voted to add Bristol Central to the Community Eligibility Plan (CEP) for 2019-2020.

Commissioner Caggiano had concerns regarding the possible participation rate at the high school level, and this was his discomfort with the approval of CEP at BCHS.

Commissioner Caggiano voted No to adding Bristol Central to the Community Eligibility Plan (CEP) for 2019-2020. Commissioners Hintz and O'Brien voted yes.

There was no other business to come before the committee. The meeting was adjourned (7:40 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

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APPROVED