School Board Committee: Finance Committee

Date: March 19, 2012

Finance Committee members present: Jack Dunn, Acting Chair, Barb Higgins, Tara Reardon and appointed committee substitute, Jennifer Patterson

Other Board members present: Bill Glahn

Administrators: Michele Croteau, Matt Cashman

Acting Finance Committee Chair Jack Dunn called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m., explaining that the meeting would focus on the options of outsourcing all or part of the District’s transportation rather than having transportation continue to be managed by the District. Mr. Dunn stated that due to proprietary information received from transportation providers that would cause harm to the applicant pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (h), the Committee would recess to a non-public session later in the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Business Administrator Michele Croteau to review the District’s transportation options.

Ms. Croteau distributed the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Benefits Summary reports for the Transportation union and the Maintenance/Transportation group and reviewed the benefits of each, noting that these reports can be found on the District’s web site. Ms. Croteau pointed out that the Maintenance/Transportation group’s three-year CBA ends June 20, 2012 and that the Transportation union’s three-year CBA ends June 30, 2013.

Ms. Croteau stated that feedback she received from transportation vendors involved two scenarios. The first option was to outsource just out-of-district and special education transportation. The second option was to outsource the full transportation program, including out-of-district. She then reviewed the issues related to consideration of the District-run option vs. the outsourcing options.

Mr. Dunn announced that Committee needed to recess to a non-public session, as previously mentioned. Committee member Tara Reardon motioned to enter into non-public session for the purpose of discussing a contract where consideration of an application in public session would cause harm to the applicant pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (h). Committee member Barb Higgins seconded the motion. Mr. Dunn called for a roll call vote to enter non-public session.
The Committee voted 4–0 by roll call (motioned by Tara Reardon, seconded by Barb Higgins) to adjourn into a non-public session.

The meeting went into non-public session at 5:44 p.m.

The Committee reconvened after a roll call vote to end the non-public session at 6:13 p.m.

Substitute Committee member Jennifer Patterson motioned to have the non-public session minutes sealed in order to keep the session as non-public, and that not to do so would defeat its purpose.

The Committee voted 4–0 (motioned by Jennifer Patterson, seconded by Tara Reardon) to have the non-public session minutes sealed.

Mr. Dunn called for a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Dunn, Acting Finance Committee Chair
Michele M. Croteau, Recorder