

**BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Edwin Camacho, Chair; James Feigenbaum; James Frayer;
Troy Jellerette; James Page

STAFF: Robert Barron, Director of Finance; Donna King, City Clerk

Mr. Camacho called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Ms. King called the Roll. A quorum was present.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 6, 2018 – Regular Meeting

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 1: under Transfer Agenda – correct spelling of the

Page 3: the first motion should read: “the motion did not pass with four votes in opposition (Mr. Feigenbaum; Mr. Frayer, Mr. Jellerette and Mr. Kassimis”

Page 4: second paragraph – delete quarterly

**** MR. FEIGENBAUM MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. PAGE)**

August 20, 2018 – Special Meeting

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 2: seventh paragraph, second sentence should read: Mr. Hamilton stated that the school entranceway is related to regulations. Across the \$11.5 million allocation, the courtyard is not ADA accessible. The lighting improvements, bathrooms, freight elevator, paneling replacement and PCB removal are all safety related.

Page 2: last paragraph, first sentence should read: Mr. page stated that the appearance of NHS does not compare with high schools in the rest of the State. Significant improvements are needed. He asked how much work will be required after this work is done to the school.

**** MR. PAGE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AGENDA** (Section A) (NONE)

3. **TRANSFER AGENDA** (Section B)

Mr. Barron reviewed the transfer requests and said they are necessary to bring all accounts to zero.

- ** MR. PAGE MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER REQUESTS AS PRESENTED IN THE MEETING PACKET**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **OTHER BUSINESS** (Section C)

1 **FY 2017-18 Additional Reserve Request**

- ** MR. CAMACHO MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST THAT THE CITY DEPOSIT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S UNEXPENDED BALANCE FROM FY 2017-2018 INTO A NON-LAPSING ACCOUNT, CONSISTING OF \$1,204,476 FOR THE SPED DEVELOPMENT FUND AND \$389,062 FOR THE REMAINING UNEXPENDED BALANCE**

- ** MR. FEIGENBAUM SECONDED**

Mr. Barron explained the request. He added that every year, the Mayor says he is in full support of permitting the board of Education to carry over up to 1% of their surplus funds. He said this is the third year of funding for SPED. He added that the Board of Education may come back for a fourth year request.

Mr. Frayer asked why they are coming back when they have unallocated funds. Mr. Barron said the Mayor approves it every year because he wants the Board of Education to be available to apply those funds to a long-term need. Mr. Barron explained that the Board of Estimate and Taxation is the appropriation body and the Common Council sets a cap. This body determines how much the Board of Education gets for their budget request.

Ms. Kristen Smith explained that the funding last year was used for security at the elementary schools.

Mr. Camacho said the Special Education expenditures were sold as a design to decrease increases in Special education spending. He asked if that happened.

Ms. Smith said the goal is to create programs that attract other districts and save money. Mr. Jellerette said he hopes they see a reduction in SPED costs. Mr. Camacho said they are seeing an increase in the total budget, but they are not seeing any savings.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. FRAYER)**

5. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** (Section D)

Mr. Barron said he would be happy to provide a summary of the rest of the agenda items. He noted that all the details are in the meeting package.

- Status of Contingency

- Financial Reports
- Oak Hills Financial Status – June 2018
- Oak Hills Financial Status – July 2018
- Year-to-date Capital Budget Report – FY 2018-19
- Year –to-date Operating Expenditure Report – FY 2018-19
- Year-to-date Operating Revenue Report – FY 2018-19
- Year-to-date BOE Operating Expenditure Report – FY 2018-19
- Tax Collector’s Narrative – July 2018
- Tax Collector’s Report – July 2018

Salary accounts

- Police – FY 2018-19
- Fire – FY 2018-19
- Public Works – FY 2018-19

**** MR. FEIGENBAUM MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services