

**Brooklyn Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
7:00pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

Present: Jeff Otto, Drew Dionne, Kim Conroy, Sandra Brodeur, Heather Allen, Ken Dykstra, and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary

Also Present: Rick Ives, Joe Voccio, Wayne Jolley, Patricia Buell, Aimee Genna, Mae Lyons, and Aaron Kerouack

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a quorum: Mr. Otto called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Action on Minutes of 3/26/18 Meeting: Sandra Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/26/18 as presented. Drew Dionne seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Hear and Discuss Board of Education Prospective Budget for 2018-2019: Superintendent Patricia Buell gave each member the approved proposed budget from the Board of Education. Budget request for 2018-19 is \$18,275,435. Changes include:

- .5 math interventionist at BMS: the need for this teacher is based on test scores. The performance is not as high as it could be
- 1.0 school psychologist BES/BMS: There is not a trained psychologist employed who can provide evaluations and follow ups for students.
- 1.0 STEAM teacher: This will give the ability to expand opportunities to students in elementary school.
- 1.0 FTE reduction to BES due to enrollment
- Part-time para clerk BES/BMS: This position was requested in 17-18 but not filled.
- Reduction of health teacher BES: This is not a mandatory position.
- Reduction of tech ed teacher: Retired employee
- Reduction of two buses X 182 days
- Common Schedule at BES/BMS
- One library media specialist at BES & BMS: Specialist is needed in this position
- High school tuition increased by \$238,850
- SE tuition for high school students \$419,339
- Reduction of 1.0 FTE custodian

There is a large 4th grade class moving up which added one 5th grade teacher.

\$486,000 was voted and approved for the budget, however, some or all of this may not be needed. Mrs. Buell will know better by May 1st.

\$558,415 from grants is used towards staffing.

The budget is on the school website and questions can be submitted and will be answered.
<http://www.brooklynschools.org/announcements>

Sandra Brodeur complimented the budget presentation, it was refreshing to have the detail.

Heather Allen made a motion to receive the proposed Board of Education budget for further discussion. Sandra Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Old Business: A year to year comparison from the East Brooklyn Fire Department was requested at the last meeting. Mr. Otto states he has not received this and will discuss it at the next Board of Fire Commissioners meeting.

Mortlake drain proposal will be going out to bid again. Mr. Ives is working on putting the RFP together.

The auditors should be completed by the end of next week and then will present to this board.

6. New Business: Mr. Dykstra and Mrs. Conroy will be unable to attend a couple of the upcoming meetings. Mr. Otto will look into participation via conference call.

7. Public Comment: None

8. Adjourn: Sandra Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Drew Dionne seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary