

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11,2012

Present: Richard Jannelli, Richard Hawley, Co-Chairs; Gary Falkenthal, Sandy Steichen, Shirley Chilian

Also Present: Kathy Molinaro, Bob Taborsak, Sal Pascarella, Bill Glass, Ed Arum, Joe Martino, Kim Thompson, Shuanna Tucker, Colleen Stanley, Jim Maloney and other Head Start parents/staff

Mr. Jannelli, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. He turned the meeting over to Dr. Pascarella. Dr. Pascarella asked Ms. Thompson to update the Committee on the number of employees in the District. Ms. Thompson reported there is 809 staff in the teachers union and 37 administrators. The total number of employees is 2,252. Dr. Pascarella updated the Committee on added stipends for the school year.

Dr. Pascarella talked with the Committee regarding priority programs. He asked Mr. Arum to update the Committee on insurance increases. Spoke to State plan which was 4% higher than Cigna. Mr. Arum has asked Blue Cross to give a quote. Mr. Hawley asked if the Board could give a target to the insurance company. Mr. Jannelli asked if other insurance companies could be brought in, but it was explained that most companies do not have the capacity to take us on. Dr. Pascarella continued the discussion on budget line item reductions (attached).

Dr. Pascarella asked for input from the Cabinet. Dr. Glass talked with Committee regarding teacher evaluation and lack of administrators to fulfill State's expectations. Dr. Pascarella shared enhancements to budget provided by the \$1.7 million funding under the Governor's budget.

Mr. Jannelli asked for a timetable to move forward. He asked for a Finance Committee Meeting on April 25th at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Jannelli asked that we join with the City Council to advocate for equity in State monies. Colleen Stanley reminded everyone of the Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, April 16th, at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hawley moved, seconded by Sandy Steichen, to adjourn the April 11, 2012 Finance Committee Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Kathleen Molinaro, Secretary