

APPROVED
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD
SPRAGUE SUBCOMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Meeting Location: This was a telephonic meeting. Meeting materials can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/Marb/Sprague-Committee-Meetings-and-Materials>

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Members in Attendance: Kimberly Kennison (OPM Secretary designee), Christine Shaw (State Treasurer designee; joined meeting prior to action on labor contract), Sal Luciano, Mark Waxenberg

Town Officials in Attendance: Cheryl Blanchard, William Hull, Michele Demicco, Melissa Seigny

OPM Staff in Attendance: Julian Freund

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes:

a. June 5, 2020 Subcommittee Special Meeting

Mr. Luciano made a motion, with a second by Mr. Waxenberg, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Review, discussion and possible action: Sprague Teachers League Contract

A brief overview of the tentative agreement with the Sprague Teachers' League was provided. The agreement was recently approved by the Board of Education and the union, and has a term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. The agreement's economic provisions provide for general wage increases of 1.0% in the first year, 1.15% in the second year, and a flat \$1,800 in the final year. Half step increments are provided in years one and two. No changes to health insurance plan design, employee premium cost share or other benefits are included. The Superintendent described the interest-based bargaining process that was used in negotiations.

Mr. Waxenberg made a motion to recommend approval of the contract with a second by Mr. Luciano. The motion passed 4-0-0.

IV. Review, discussion and possible action: 5-Year Plan FY 2021-2025

An update to the 5-Year Plan previously submitted in June was discussed. The Plan was presented at a joint meeting of the Sprague Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Education in November. A consensus of support for the Plan was expressed at the joint meeting, and the Board

of Education took a formal vote in support of the Plan at a subsequent meeting. Among the changes in the updated Plan are increases in the projected mill rates. The resulting Plan projects positive operating results through the five year period.

A motion was made by Mr. Luciano to recommend approval of the updated 5-Year Plan by the full MARB, contingent upon approval by the Sprague Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen, with a second by Mr. Waxenberg. The motion passed 4-0-0.

V. Update: Status of FY20 Audit

The auditors have begun field work, virtually. A timeline from the auditor for completing field work and providing a draft report has not been received. The Town administration will request a timeline from the auditor.

The Board of Finance has discussed issuing an RFP for audit services beginning with the next fiscal year, but has not yet voted on the matter.

VI. Update: Status of FY19 Audit Findings Corrective Action Plan

The Town has not completed any additional items since the last meeting. Policies and procedures have not been requested by the auditors yet.

VII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Luciano, with a second by Mr. Waxenberg. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.