

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD (MARB)

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
MARB Hartford Committee

Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018
Time: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Location: Hartford City Hall, Mayor's Green Conference Room–Suite 100, 550 Main Street, Hartford, CT

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2018 Meeting
- III. Review and Discussion of City's 9-14-18 June 2018 and July 2018 Monthly Financial Report
- IV. Review, Discussion and Possible Action re Issues/Responses to Follow-up Items from August 10, 2018 Meeting (see attached list dated 8/17/18)
- V. Review, Discussion and Possible Action: City Revenue and Expenditure Opportunities re Five-Year Recovery Plan
- VI. Discussion of Future Agenda Items and Topics
- VII. Adjourn

Attachment

8/17/18

Follow-up/Requests re MARB Hartford Committee 8/10/18 Meeting with Hartford BOE

There was much discussion regarding the Hartford BOE's rapidly growing special education tuition and other costs. The potential to undertake a study, together with the State SDE, to review these costs and new ways to deliver services that may be more cost effective in achieving better outcomes for students was raised. Requests and potential next steps in this regard include:

- Further breakdown of the number of Special Education students in the following categories: neighborhood schools, out of district, magnets, etc **(David Fleig)**
- Further benchmarking Hartford's costs with other cities by number/types of placements (out-of-home) and services **(David Fleig)**

The BOE reports they have 54 non-union employees that were unilaterally moved into HDHP/HSA health plan and they were mandated to take 5 furlough days to reduce costs **(Natasha Banks to verify)**. It was requested to have the City report back on how non-union City employees are being handled in this regard and who has the authority to make or approve such changes (i.e. the Mayor, Common council, etc). **(Melissa McCaw)**.

The BOE is to send to us a copy of the MOU with the Achievement First charter school with the specific services and costs associated with that MOU. **(David Fleig)**

The BOE has just completed health insurance dependent care audit and is working with Segal to review health insurance plan and design options as part of its labor negotiations. The options reviewed include potential movement to the State Partnership Plan. The MARB will work with the City BOE and Segal, similar to work being done in West Haven, to obtain this analysis **(Bob D., Natasha Banks)**

Page 11 of presentation-5 year enrollment chart- break down by neighborhood schools, magnets, out of district **(David Fleig)**

Does the approximately \$10.1 million in State excess-cost grant funds get sent directly to City BOE as pass through? **(Leigh-Ann Ralls, City)?** Why has the \$10.1 million remained flat? **(Bob D)**

How much of the BOE's \$13.4 million (page 22) in transportation costs get reimbursed by the State? **(Bob D, David Fleig)**

Additional information in terms of liabilities and projections for BOE severance payments was requested **(David Fleig)**

Additional Items Raised subsequent to 8/10/18 Meeting:

Amount and status of any Federal or State funding to the Hartford BOE for displaced children from Puerto Rico; how will these funds be budgeted and will any budget amendment is needed. **(David Fleig)**

Actuarial analysis of impact of moving new non-union City employees to the proposed 401-K plan in terms of impact on annual cost and long-term liabilities **(Treasurer Cloud, Melissa McCaw)**