Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee June 9, 2022 8:00 AM Remote Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance

Anne Helgen, Paul Rickter, Laurie Slap, Jack Weis

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM.

Approval of Minutes

The group reviewed and approved thirteen sets of minutes for the meetings held between February 23, 2022 and May 17, 2022 – specifically, for the meetings on February 23,2022, February 24, 2022, March 3, 2022, March 8, 2022, March 22, 2022, March 24, 2022, April 6, 2022, April 14, 2022, April 25, 2022, May 2, 2022, May 5, 2022, May 9, 2022, and May 17, 2022.

There was one minor editorial correction made to the March 24th minutes. And, committee members abstained from voting for the meetings they were not in attendance – specifically, Laurie on March 8th, Anne on April 6th, and Paul on April 25th. Otherwise, all of the minutes were approved unanimously.

Other New Business

The group had a brief discussion about next steps. The group agreed that there was no need to meet over the summer, but agreed that we should reengage in September. Issues that the group felt we should pick up on in the fall included:

- Jack confirmed that we need to initiate a request to meet with the School Department to review the final Q4 FY 22 operating results, something that we did not do in the fall of 2021. As part of that review and discussion, Laurie pointed out that we need to come away with a good understanding of the source of any FY22 budget turn-backs.
- The group agreed that we needed to take the time to go through the detailed budget materials that the School Department put together at the end of the budget process (just as our chapter of the Warrant Committee report was being finalized). Those materials, in large part, appear to have been in response to the request for more detailed information that the Ed Subcommittee made at the end of the FY 22 budget process. As part of our review, we should discuss whether there are refinements or additional information that we think we would be helpful.
- Anne suggested that our subcommittee should review and discuss the methodology and formulae used by the School Department in developing the SPED and OOD tuition cost estimates (for both the upcoming fiscal year and for the three-year projection).

Jack will plan to schedule a meeting for the subcommittee in September.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 AM.

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