

School District Funding

No action is required if you support the FY15 budget amount of \$5,717,521 plus 50% of any Federal Secure Rural Schools funding, plus an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for building repair and maintenance.

If you wish to consider anything outside of what is listed above and further described in the attached memo this would be the time to do so.

Memo

To: Mayor McConnell and Assembly Members
From: Jay Sweeney, Finance Director
Date: 2/16/2012
Re: School District Funding

AS 14.14.060 (Relationship Between Borough School District and Borough; Finances and Buildings) states in Subsection (e).....

Except as otherwise provided by municipal ordinance, the borough school board shall submit the school budget for the following school year to the borough assembly by May 1 for approval of the total amount. Within 30 days after receipt of the budget the assembly shall determine the total amount of money to be made available from local sources for school purposes and shall furnish the school board with a statement of the sum to be made available. If the assembly does not, within 30 days, furnish the school board with a statement of the sum to be made available, the amount requested in the budget is automatically approved. Except as otherwise provided by municipal ordinance, by June 30, the assembly shall appropriate the amount to be made available from local sources from money available for the purpose.

The Sitka School District budget was officially delivered to the Assembly on April 24. Thus, the May 13 Assembly Meeting is the only Assembly meeting during the 30-day window during which school funding can be discussed, were the Assembly inclined to do so.

The amount requested by the Sitka School District in its FY15 budget is what is also currently contained in the Municipal budget. Accordingly, Administration recommends that the Sitka School District be provided with notification, as required by AS 14.14.060 (e), that the amount of money to be made available from local sources in FY15 shall be equal the amount of \$5,717,521 PLUS 50% of any Federal Secure Rural Schools funding received by the Municipality PLUS and amount not exceed \$150,000 for building repair and maintenance.

If no action is taken by the Assembly on the Sitka School District budget by May 24, the budget as submitted shall be automatically approved.