

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO make a determination that the amount of money to be made available from local sources in FY17 to the Sitka School District shall be equal the amount of \$6,617,521 and an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for building repair and maintenance.

Memo

Thru: Mark Gorman, Administrator

To: Mayor McConnell and Assembly Members

From: Jay Sweeney, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer

Date: 5/2/2016

Re: FY17 Local Support of Schools Notification

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 approved by the Sitka School Board on April 22, 2016 and submitted to the Municipality on April 29, 2016. In its budget, the Sitka School District has planned for direct Municipal support in the amount of \$6,617,521. The Sitka School District has also requested major maintenance reimbursement in the amount of \$150,000, in line with previous years' requests. Thus, the total funding request is \$6,767,521 (\$6,617,521 + \$150,000).

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 FY16 shall be equal the amount of \$6,617,521 **PLUS** an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for building repair and maintenance.

If no action is taken by the Assembly on the Sitka School District budget by May 30, the budget as submitted shall be automatically approved.