

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO make a determination that the amount of money to be made available from local sources in FY16 shall be equal the amount of \$6,537,658 PLUS \$44,966 to fund 90 days of operation of Community Schools PLUS 50% of any Federal Secure Rural Schools funding received by the municipality PLUS an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for building repair and maintenance and provide the Sitka School District with notification that \$134,897 in additional funds will be made available to fund a restructured Community Schools program after September 30, 2015 commensurate with approval of the new structure by the Assembly.

Memo

Thru: Mark Gorman, Administrator
To: Mayor McConnell and Assembly Members
From: Jay Sweeney, Finance Director *J.S. 6 May 15*
Date: 5/6/2015
Re: FY 16 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 approved by the Sitka School Board on April 23, 2015 and submitted to the Municipality on April 30, 2015. In its budget, the Sitka School District has planned for Municipal support in the amount of \$6,717,521 in direct support, which includes \$179,863 for Community Schools. This amount includes an additional \$1,000,000 in direct funding (\$5,717,521 + \$1,000,000). 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 (attached) is \$6,867,521 (5,717,521 + \$1,000,000 + \$150,000). The Sitka School District also has requested that 50% of any Secure Rural Schools funding be transferred to the District; the District has planned \$370,000 in such funds.

The Sitka School District and the City and Borough of Sitka have agreed, however, to work together to determine a new structure for Community Schools and, in doing so, the Sitka School Board has agreed to fund the existing program through September 30, 2015.

The amount requested by the Sitka School District in its FY15 budget is what is also currently contained in the Municipal budget. Community Schools, however, has only been approved to continue in its current form for 90 days.

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 \$6,537,658 **PLUS** \$44,966 to fund 90 days of operation of Community Schools **PLUS** 50% of any Federal Secure Rural Schools funding received by the Municipality **PLUS** an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for building repair and maintenance.

Administration further recommends that the Sitka School District be provided with notification that \$134,897 in additional funds will be made available to fund a restructured Community Schools program after September 30, 2015, commensurate with approval of the new structure by the Assembly.

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.

Jay Sweeney

From: Cassee Olin <olinc@sitkaschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 4:40 PM
To: Jay Sweeney
Cc: Janet Schwartz
Subject: RE: Date of SSD Budget Delivery and Final Budgeted Support numbers
Attachments: FY2016 SSD Adopted Budget with Cover.pdf

Hi Jay,

The budget was emailed and dropped off at CBS was Thursday, April 30th, and the final budgeted support numbers are as follows (which can be found on page 2) :

**SITKA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY2016 OPERATING BUDGET**

SUMMARY PAGE

FY2016 City and Borough of Sitka Funding Request

Operational Support	6,283,762
Various School Related Expenditures	433,759
Major Maintenance Reimbursable	<u>150,000</u>
Total City Funding Request	6,867,521

Additionally, the District is seeking a formal commitment from the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) Assembly that, the federal Secure Rural Schools that has been re-audited will continued to be distributed 50% CBS and 50% SSD after the Title II commitment have been accomodated.

I have also attached a copy of the FY2016 SSD budget that was delivered on Thursday, April 30th.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks –
Cassee

From: Jay Sweeney [mailto:jay@cityofsitka.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2015 1:29 PM
To: Cassee Olin
Cc: Janet Schwartz
Subject: Date of SSD Budget Delivery and Final Budgeted Support numbers

Hello Cassee,

Could you verify the date the SSD budget was delivered to the CBS and the final budgeted support numbers contained in it? The annual support to the SSD will be vote on by the Assembly at the May 12 Assembly meeting.

Thanks,

Jay

*John P. (Jay) Sweeney III
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City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska*