

TO: Jackson Township Board of Education
FROM: *DR. STEPHEN GENCO, SUPERINTENDENT*
SUBJECT: December 18, 2019 Agenda Addendum #2
DATE: December 18, 2019

FINANCE

COMPLETE Motion #6

The Board of Education, based on the recommendation of the Board Secretary, awards the Lease Purchase Financing to finance the improvements set forth in Energy Savings Plan (ESP) to **TD Equipment Finance**, lowest bid per specifications, **2.20%** for **20 years**, principal **\$26,219,000.00** as per the following Resolution:

Bid Opening: December 13, 2019, 2:00 PM

Bidder	Interest Rate
TD Equipment Finance	2.200%
Bank of America	2.609%
Capital One	3.090%

ADD Motion #15

The Board of Education approves the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON BOARD OF EDUCATION TO JOIN IN THE FILING OF AN OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST WITH, AND POSSIBLE FUTURE RELATED LITIGATION AGAINST, THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONCERNING THE CALCULATION AND ALLOCATION OF STATE AID

WHEREAS, the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 (SFRA), N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-1 *et seq.*, reflects the current New Jersey law that governs State Aid to public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey (State) has appropriated limited monies to fund such State Aid for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the State arbitrarily determines how much State Aid to allocate to each school district, without regard to district need or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson School District is receiving substantially less State Aid than it otherwise should receive; and

WHEREAS, such disparate treatment is neither "equal" nor "equitable" and is without a rational basis; and

WHEREAS, the State should be transparent in how it calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district; and

WHEREAS, to protect the interests of its school children, each school district is entitled to obtain data and records from the State as to how the State calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Board of Education believes that it is in the best interests of its residents, taxpayers, and school children to file an Open Public Records Act request with, and if needed, related litigation against, the State of New Jersey, Department of Education and the Commissioner of Education (and such other parties as may be appropriate) for data and records as to how the State calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson Board of Education hereby joins in the filing of the attached Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request at no cost to the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the OPRA request is denied, the Board may join in the litigation against the State of New Jersey, Department of Education and the Commissioner of Education to obtain data and records from the State of New Jersey and its various Departments as to how the State calculates and allocates State Aid to each school district (OPRA Litigation); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Weiner Law Group, LLP is hereby appointed to represent the Jackson Board of Education and all of the participating school districts in connection with the filing of the OPRA request and future OPRA Litigation against the State, if needed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that the Jackson Board of Education joins in the OPRA Litigation, the Board is hereby directed and authorized to provide whatever assistance is reasonably required in order to pursue such OPRA Litigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that the Jackson Board of Education joins in the OPRA Litigation, the Board shall contribute \$1,000.00 to support the filing of the OPRA Litigation pursuant to a retention letter to be executed by the parties.

PERSONNEL

Motion #5 – Leave of Absences

ADD

- n. Lorraine Vazquez, Van Aide-Transportation, paid medical leave of absence, effective November 12, 2019 through January 3, 2020, returning January 6, 2020.
- o. Susan Young, Special Education Teacher/JMHS, paid Medical Leave of Absence, effective January 6, 2020 through January 28, 2020; unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence, effective January 29, 2020 through March 6, 2020, returning March 9, 2020.