

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)**  
**CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHOOL BUDGET AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

6:00pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom (recorded)

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by the Chairman, a quorum was present. Seated were; J. DeLucia, S. Gould, S. Singh, M. Kulos, K. Sathany, C. DiStasio.

Also in attendance; P. Nystrom (Mayor), K. Stringfellow (SOS), J. Salomone (CM), J. Pothier (Comptroller), R. Sirpenski (Bus. Mgr.), Lisa Hughes (SPED Director), T. Gloster (Asst. SOS)

Carlene Charmelus joined the meeting at 6:27pm

Robert Aldi joined the meeting at 6:41pm

Peter Nystrom left the meeting at 6:59pm

Swarnjit Singh left the meeting at 7:09pm

2. New Business: Review and Comment: City Council Resolution regarding transfer of excess NPS budget funds into the Non-lapsing account for unexpended education funds.
  - a. R. Sirpenski gave a summary of the non-lapsing account, the proposed deposit, and the five major capital projects in the school buildings. Also discussed was the use of ESSA funds and planning/allocation mechanism of those funds.
  - b. Members asked a variety of questions of the Comptroller, the Superintendent of Schools, and the Business Manager; all centered around the various funding mechanisms of school capital and operational expenditures, and the implications of depositing monies into the non-lapsing account versus depositing monies into the Undesignated Fund Balance (UFB).

- c. Members discussed multiple potential alternatives to depositing the entire budget surplus into non-lapsing including; 1) deposit \$600,000 into non-lapsing and \$1 million into UFB, and 2) deposit 50% (\$800,000+/-) into each account.
  - d. Motion made (R. Aldi) and seconded (C. DiStasio) to recommend that the entire \$1.6 million +/- NPS budget surplus be moved into the BOE non-lapsing account. Discussion followed. Unanimously approved 7-0 by roll call vote with no abstentions.
3. Adjournment: Motion made (R. Aldi) and seconded (S. Gould) to adjourn at 7:18pm. Unanimously approved 7-0 by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. DeLucia  
President Pro Tem  
Chairman