



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

CLERK OF COMMITTEES

September 22, 2014

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tony Lafuente	Chair	Absent	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Absent	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Absent	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman at Large	Present	

Others present: Tony Pierantozzi, Omar Boukili

197414 - Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond for a feasibility study and schematic design for the renovation and/or construction of the High School.:

Mr. Pierantozzi spoke about this request for a \$2 million bond for the feasibility study and schematic design for Somerville High School. The members discussed the makeup of the School Building Committee, the MSBA reimbursement policy, what the \$2 million would actually be spent on and who would have oversight, contingencies for possible over-run costs, the extent of the Board of Aldermen's role in the process - including initial and subsequent appropriation approvals and allowing the BOA President to appoint a representative to sit on the School Building Committee.

Mr. Pierantozzi submitted a request for the high school to accommodate 1800 students. Using a ten year history of enrollment, the MSBA only approved 1590, at 85% capacity, which is a lower enrollment per square footage. The current enrollment is 1242, including the vocational part of the school. Mr. Pierantozzi will provide the MSBA one more year of data to consider for the request of the 1800 enrollment school size. The time line for the school is about 5-7 years and Mr. Pierantozzi suggested that regular reports from the School Building Committee be provided to keep the BOA informed of the process.

RESULT:

APPROVED