

own policy.

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Green to amend File: IHGB by adding a sentence at the end that states that nothing in this policy shall be pursued as pertaining to Community Schools, seconded by Dr. Ackman.

Ms. Palmer was confused because they did deliberate on this for two sessions of Rules subcommittee and Community Schools was a pretty important part of that conversation. She asked why the "if space is available" in the first paragraph, and the final paragraph, not sufficient from the district's perspective.

Because we have a limited amount of subsidized seats, Superintendent Skipper could see a situation where somebody who is homeschooled is taking this subsidized seat from a student that is attending SPS. She offered to go back and talk to Dr. Curley specifically about this.

Dr. Ackman said that because of the lack of clarity on this she is pushing to tabling for a second reading.

Mr. Green reminded the committee that there is a time constraint on this policy for any homeschool students who may want to join winter sports. And expressed that his personal opinion is that Community Schools should be included in the policy.

Ms. Palmer took this time to reiterate and clarify the last paragraph of the policy, "the school district retains reasonable discretion to grant or withhold approval based on factors including" and there's a long list of factors including any other factors that involve the best interest of the district.

She feels, as the chair of Rules, that the district had deliberated and spent enough of its time and school committee time on this, and that they should move this forward and that's why it's here tonight.

Mr. Green withdrew his amendment.

Chair Normand clarified that there was an initial motion by Ms. Palmer to move this policy forward and waive the second reading which was seconded by Mr. Green. She asked if there were any additional comments because otherwise she would be putting the policy to a vote, because of the time sensitivity for students wanting to play winter sports.

Dr. Ackman asked why there's a time sensitivity if the memo that's on the website has been serving as the policy for years.

Superintendent Skipper explained that this is specific to the Interscholastic pieces. That was an area where we had never really had test cases, and there's at least three or four families that are interested in that now. It was also the expansion not just of homeschoolers but students in virtual schools which is another category that we hadn't included.

Chair Normand first asked for a roll call vote to waive the second reading of File IHGB – Home School and Virtual School Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities.

Motion passed 7-1, second reading is waived.

Chair Normand then asked for a roll call vote for Ms. Palmer's motion to approve File IHGB – Home School and Virtual School Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities, as its presented, seconded by Mr. Green.

Motion passes 7-1, Policy is approved.

**C. FY20 Technology Cost- Transfer of Funds Memo** (Recommended action: approval)

Chair Normand directed members to refer to the memo in the packet (it is attached here). This is an accounting between the city and the school district.

MOTION: Motion by Ms. Palmer, seconded by Dr. Ackman, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$155,000 from the Somerville Public School's ordinary maintenance account to the City Information Technology Department's ordinary maintenance account.

Motion approved via voice vote.

**D. Field Trips** (Recommended action: approval)

**February 27, 2020**

10 NW/FC Students will visit Pat's Peak in Henniker New Hampshire. Travel via school van, student cost \$25.

MOTION: Motion by Ms. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Green, to approve this field trip.

Motion approved via voice vote.