

CITY OF NEWTON  
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015

Present: Ald. Gentile (Chair), Ciccone, Norton, Brousal-Glaser, Rice, Blazar, Fuller, and Lappin

City staff present: Maureen Lemieux (Chief of Staff/Chief Financial Officer)

*Reappointment by His Honor the Mayor*

#238-15      JEFFREY SILTON, 120 Cherry Street, West Newton reappointed as a Constable for the City of Newton for a term of office to expire October 24, 2018. [09/15/15 @ 3:37 PM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 7-0 (Lappin not voting)**

**NOTE:**      Jeffrey Silton joined the Committee for discussion of his reappointment as a Constable in the City of Newton. Mr. Silton has served as a constable for the past 19 years and is the Deputy Chief of the auxiliary police. All of the appropriate documents including a Constable's Bond have been submitted. Mr. Silton is well-known to all Committee members. Mr. Silton's reappointment was approved by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed.

#239-15      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an amendment to the New Angier Elementary School Capital Project Appropriation Schedule included in Board Order #286-13(2) approved October 7, 2013 by transferring the amount of one hundred eighty-two thousand seven hundred forty-eight dollars (\$182,748) from the "Owners Contingency" line item to the "Furniture" line item and transferring the sum of fifty-two thousand eight hundred eighty-one dollars (\$52,881) from the "Owners Contingency" line item to the "Technology" line item. [09/15/15 @ 3:37 PM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 8-0**

**NOTE:**      Chief of Staff Maureen Lemieux explained that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) allows a budget of \$1,116,000 for furniture, fixtures and equipment (FFE) for the new Angier School. The MSBA budget number was developed in 2004 and was based on a total of \$2,400 per student for FF&E and technology. Student needs have evolved since 2004 and inflation has increased costs for furniture, equipment and technology. The MSBA does allow the City to spend additional funds in the furniture and technology budgets but the added costs needs to be funded by the City.

The budget developed by the School Department for furniture, fixtures and equipment exceeds the MSBA allocation by \$235,629, which results in a budget of \$2,907 per student for FF&E based on the bids received. The School Department's FFE budget is in line with similar elementary school projects that have occurred in the last three years. The above request is to transfer a total of \$235,629 from the owners contingency line item (\$182,748 to Furniture and

\$52,881 to Technology cover the additional costs above the MSBA allocation for furniture, fixtures and equipment. The Committee understood the need for the transfer and a motion to approve carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chairman