

IN CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
June 23, 1997

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

AN ORDER CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1996

ORDERED: That the following transfer be made in the General Fund to School Department Stabilization Fund of the City of Cambridge:

FROM	AMOUNT
School	\$225,000.00
Salary & Wages Account	

TO	AMOUNT
School	\$225,000.00
Stabilization Fund	

REASON(S): one-time staffing costs.

In City Council June 23, 1997.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
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ORDERED: That the following transfer be made in the General Fund to Public Investment Fund of the City of Cambridge:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO	AMOUNT
School	\$48,000.00	School	\$48,000.00
Salary & Wages Account		Extraordinary Expenditures	

REASON(S): renovations & furniture for schools

In City Council June 23, 1997.
Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-
Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

158 THORNDIKE STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

June 19, 1997

Memorandum To: Robert Healy, City Manager

From: James M. Conity, Executive Director of Management Services

Subject: Appropriation of FY9697 End-Of-Year School Department Balances to Fund Implementation of Elementary Facilities Plan Changes for 1997-98

This past Tuesday night, the School Committee voted to adopt a revised Elementary Facilities Plan which resolves many of the facilities and program location issues that the School Department has struggled with over the past several years. I believe the plan has positioned the School Department to become more efficient, make better use of its facilities, achieve staffing economies through program consolidation, and provide a better environment for educational improvements in programs in the future.

As you are aware, one component of the plan is to relocate the Cambridgeport School out of rented facilities at the Blessed Sacrament School building. The plan, as adopted, calls for the Cambridgeport moving to the Maynard School building in September, 1998, rather than the originally proposed September, 1997. This change is to allow the Maynard and Cambridgeport communities to work together on a number of difficult and important issues that need resolution to allow both schools to function effectively and cooperatively in the Maynard building. Another piece of this plan was to have the Maynard Amigos program at the Maynard (Grades K-3) merge with the Amigos Grade 4-8 at the Kennedy, and this piece has been approved for September, 1997. Also, the proposal to have the Kennedy begin to move from a grade 4-8 to a K-8 program, starting this September, was approved.

We had planned to utilize rental and other facilities operations savings from the Cambridgeport relocation to cover costs of implementing the facilities plan in the Maynard, Kennedy, and other schools. This savings is obviously now not available, since the Cambridgeport will be staying at the Blessed Sacrament for one additional year. Also, the delay in the Maynard program changes means that staffing savings which would have been used to offset Kennedy staffing costs, is also not available.

The School Committee, at Tuesday's meeting, asked me to consult with the City Manager on finding funds to cover this change. I suggested that we request that we be allowed to use any unexpended balances from the FY 1996-97 School Department General Fund budget toward this purpose. We project unexpended balances of approximately \$273,000 (see attached financial report as of 5/31/97). We respectfully request that this balance be appropriated as follows to cover the costs of this first year implementation of the elementary facilities plan;

1. Appropriate \$225,000 to the School Department Salary Stabilization Fund to be used to fund one-time staffing costs in FY 1997-98, related to the phased-in implementation of the Elementary Facilities Plan.

2. Appropriate \$48,000 to the School Department Capital Budget for FY 1997-98, to be used to cover the costs of renovations to the Kennedy School to provide appropriate classroom spaces for primary grade students, to fund improvements to specific spaces at the Cambridgeport School to accommodate the larger enrollment for 1997-98, and to fund classroom furniture for both Kennedy and Maynard for the grade level classrooms at both schools.

This request is for a one-time appropriation, not to be built into the base budget of the School Department.

We recognize that these unexpended balances would otherwise revert to the general fund balance of the City, and respectfully request that the requested appropriations, if approved by the City Council, will greatly assist our efforts to implement these important changes, both educational and fiscal. Thank you for consideration of this request.

cc: M. L. McGrath
P. Murphy
C. Rodley, School Committee Secretary



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

June 23, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Attached please find a copy of a request for a transfer of \$273,000.00 from available balances in the School Department Salary & Wages Account to the School Department Salary Stabilization Fund (\$225,000) to be used to fund one-time staffing costs in FY98 and (\$48,000) to the Public Investment Fund School Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account for renovations and furniture for various schools.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #23

F-120

Relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$273,000 for renovations and furniture for various schools.

In City Council June 23, 1997

ORDER ADOPTED

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