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COMMON COUNCIL

## REPORT

July 6, 2005

Mayor Mark D. Boughton  
Members of the Common Council

Re: **BOE Request for Matching Funds – Fiscal Year 04-05**

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request from the Board of Education for matching funds for fiscal year 04-05 met on June 22, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Third Floor Caucus Room in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Saracino, Riley and Visconti. Also in attendance were Director of Finance & Personnel Dena Diorio, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Bob Dylewski, Schools Director of Finance Elio Longo and Council Members Basso, Cavo, Stanley, Steinerd, Teicholz and Urice, ex-officio.

Ms. Saracino stated that positions eliminated amounted to a total of \$510,985. Ms. Diorio stated that the matching funds were supposed to be for long-term savings and she hoped these jobs would not be filled next year. Mr. Longo stated that the Board of Education identified twelve positions to be eliminated. The Common Council offered a match program at \$500,000 maximum. Mr. Longo said there was an interest in restoring these positions in the 05-06 budget, but as it stands now the budget that was passed does not include the restoration of these positions. He could not say that in three years time these positions may come before the Board. Mr. Dylewski said these positions are off the table for the next school year. They do not have the funds to restore these positions.

Ms. Saracino asked if these funds were approved, would they come from the State Aid through Education Equalization grant, rather than the contingency account? Ms. Diorio said this revenue is increased state aid for education that was not budgeted for.

A discussion followed regarding how the positions to be cut were determined, about personnel filling the jobs and about union involvement.

Mr. Riley made a motion to recommend that the Common Council authorize the transfer of \$500,000 to the Board of Education for the matching funds

proposal for meeting incentives for fiscal year 04-05. Seconded by Mr. Visconti. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARY SARACINO, Chairman

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ROBERT RILEY

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FRED VISCONTI