

Submitted on Thursday, June 16, 2022 - 1:15pm

These questions are with regard to the recent article in the Rehoboth Reporter by Jay Crandall. This form rejects links, but you can find it by googling "Rehoboth reporter Jay Crandall".

How is the \$4.1 million in savings calculated?

See FAQ on K-8 web site.

Will you post the report where these savings are referenced?

The financial report and its analysis are posted on the web site.

ANSWERS FOR LAURA SAMSEL:

Q - How many contracts does the school committee currently negotiate?

There are 4 bargaining units for employees: Teachers, Paraprofessionals, secretaries, and custodians.

They are on 3 year contracts with DRRSD and would have to be renegotiated with the town of Rehoboth as their employer. The other contracts would be for vendors, contracted services that are unique to each school and already on their separate budget line. These service contracts can be mirrored and re-signed with the town paying the bills, instead of the district.

Q - How many bus driver contracts would be added?

The bus drivers are employed by the transportation service which the district hires and pays. These are already separated by school, so then the contract and payment would then be the responsibility of the town. I believe each school of K-8 now has a transportation cost of about 320,000. This does not include SPED transportation services. These are a separate line item, and again separated by school, so easily re-done to change the employer.

Q - Is there a report on the current conditions of the buildings?

Not that we are aware of, and not in the scope of what we were tasked to do. But I will say that the capital costs for each school is already the responsibility of the town in which it resides. So any costs for PRES or BMS building projects is, and will continue to be, charged to the town of Rehoboth.

Q - What type of major expenses are in the future that we are going to fully fund ourselves?

Again, not in our K-8 informational purview. But see above: any major expenses that we would have in the future will cost the same if K-8 were in the district or not, since each town pays for their own capital expenses.

The rest of your text/questions/statements were more about discussing town-wide issues. Which are absolutely relevant to you and voters when making decisions, of course. I've answered the ones that pertain to withdrawing K-8.

Thanks for the questions - I hope this helped a little. Please check out the website - there are actually already a lot of answers on there that might help.

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Can you provide an explanation of "minimum local contribution" and "above minimum spending" from DESE? Not just the calculation but the intent of these calculations.

See FAQ on K-8 web site.