

# ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Finance Committee Minutes

**PLACE:** DTL Conference Room, Central Office    **DATE:** 8 May 2019    **TIME:** 5:00P.M.  
**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chris Phipps, chair

**I. OPENING**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Roll Call – There were not enough members to form a quorum, no meeting was held.**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
Mr. Chris Phipps, chair	X	X	
Mr. Vinny Scarlatta		X	
Mr. William Nimons	X	X	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	

**Attendees: Superintendent Merlone.**

**II. Public Comments**

There were no comments.

**III. Discussion regarding 2018-2019 budget.**

Discussion: Mr. Phipps asked Ms. Lisa Jones to brief the committee. Ms. Jones said her goal is to end the year within the budget. She said the packet shows projection sheets and salary expenses with details. Ms. Jones said the employee benefits were showing an approximate \$200,000 deficit. She said the cause was the amount that was put into encumbrances. Ms. Jones said that amount was too large and based on funds that were accumulated against the claims, there is now a cushion. She said since this is only the second year for self-funding, she is not positive, but there may be an increase in costs when school gets out and employees go to the doctor or have procedures done. She said as of today all of the invoices are up to date and paid. Ms. Jones said the first payment of excess cost was made which reflects on the report. She said it is also important to take into consideration and look into maintenance costs and repairs. She said she met with Mr. Bob Evans and Mr. Vinny Pastore. She said three expansion tanks were already replaced at the high school as well as air conditioning at the Middle School. Ms. Jones said these are some unexpected costs that need to be paid. She said she has requested the schools to hold off on spending, except one additional requisition for supplies. Superintendent Merlone said the schools have been doing an excellent job holding off on excess spending. Mr. Phipps said the Delta T contract needs to be revisited since it is such a large expense, and they are raising their rates. He said he is not sure of the performance of these employees. Superintendent Merlone said she has been speaking with Mr. Kevin Keating regarding other options for our special education students.

Ms. Jones said the third payment of ECS Stabilization Grant was made. She said it is money that is deducted from the total amount of money given by the city.

Ms. Jones said she received an email from Mr. William Guerrero, insurance agent from USI, which is the group plan the district has with the city. She said the company is no longer going to be for our insurance. She said she thinks it is important to put out an RFP for insurance and see what options we have. Mr. William Nimons said we should communicate with the city and see what their feelings are at this point. Mr. Phipps said we do not have a lot of information and we need to get much more information on this before reporting or requesting anything to the full Board.

Ms. Jones said she received a letter from All Star Transportation stating the company will be sold to Student Transportation of America. She said the letter stated the management will remain the same. Superintendent Merlone reminded the committee they are going out for an RFP for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson  
Recording Secretary  
Date 05/15/2019