

Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education
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Monday, December 16, 2019

In attendance were: Committee members Janet Morgen, George Bauer, Michael Devine and Jim Crocker. Also in attendance were Carol Anne Brown, Wayne McAllister, Joseph Olzacki and BOE clerk Karen Daley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

YTD Operating Budget – Through November 30, 2019 the revenue is on track at 47%. Expenditures are at 37% which are also on track. Ms. Marcinek is keeping close watch on the Special Education budget to make sure it stays on track. Special Services is the only area at this time that requires close watching.

YTD High School Project – Reimbursement that was submitted to the State in September still has not been paid. The State is running behind over 60 days on this payment. This should not jeopardize any payments, there is cash on hand in the building account that can tide things over for up to four weeks with no trouble.

Approval of snow plow bid – There were 2 submissions for the three-year snow plow bid, one for Bethlehem and one for Woodbury. These are the same contractors that have been used for many years, Haeley Property for BES and Logue Farms for MES, WMS and NHS. There is a \$50 increase per storm from Logue Farms and a \$10 decrease per storm from Haeley Property. Mike Molzon is pleased with the job that is being done by both companies. This award covers the current year and the next two. It was noted that there has not been an increase from either company for the last several years.

Mr. Bauer moved to send the snow plow bid for approval to the full board, seconded by Jim Crocker.

Motion approved 4-0-0.

Approval of 5-year technology lease – This is the seventh year of the lease and is the renewal on the equipment listed on the lease agreement. Rate is a fixed rate of 3.23%, which is down from 3.54 % for the last lease term. This will replace a lease that is expiring and replaces the equipment that was on the old lease with newer technology as needed.

Mrs. Morgan moved to send the technology lease to the full board, seconded by Mr. Crocker. **Motion approved 4-0-0.**

Public Comment – none

Other business –

The Transportation contract was put out to bid. Three companies have submitted bid and 2 companies were no bids. This is for a 5-year contract ending with the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. McAllister recommends that we continue with All Star. The parents are happy with the drivers. Ms. Morgan sees the drivers often, they take safety very seriously and are very nice to work with. Recording equipment is installed on the buses and it is used regularly. This contract will be revisited at the January meeting; Mr. McAllister will try to work with All Star to bring their price down if possible. Mr. Devine asked if All Star is offering any type of software to help with pick up times and to let students know when the bus is

going to arrive. To the best of Mr. McAllister's knowledge, All Star is not offering it at this time but he will ask them if they could offer something like that.

There have been 2 recent donations from the Woodbury – Bethlehem Parent Connection. One was received on December 2nd, the other was received on October 11th. Wendy Yatsenick will discuss donations for the holidays at the regular BOE meeting and the donations will be accepted at the BOE meeting.

Mr. Molzon has some maintenance items that he would like to dispose of. According to Board Policy any proceeds from sale of goods will go directly to the Towns.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Daley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Regional School District 14 Board Clerk

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