

MINUTES

Board of Education - Finance Committee

Monday, August 2, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Mitchell Elementary School

Classroom #3

Committee Members Present:

Jim Crocker, Chairman

George Bauer

Michael Devine

Jonathan Kapstein

Absent:

N/A

Non-Participating Board Members:

David Butkus

Also Present:

Wayne McAllister, Acting Superintendent

Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations

Ed Belinsky, Director Agriscience

Patricia Paige, Board Clerk

Call to Order

Mr. Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Monthly Financial Summary

Revenues for the month of July encompassed monies collected from the towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury and the Vo-ag ASTE grant, representing 7.83% of the anticipated 21/22 income.

Financial obligations for July totaled 6.68% of the budget or a monetary value of \$2,521,403.

A number of board approved summer maintenance projects are currently underway, including the asbestos abatement and boiler repair at Mitchell Elementary.

Discussions were had concerning the investigation of Dr. Olzacki and how the expenses are being charged against the budget, specifically the salaries of Dr. Olzacki and Acting Superintendent, Wayne McAllister along with expenses associated with the investigation. Ms. Tanguay shared that a spreadsheet has been created to summarize the legal expenses that have been incurred to date.

A request was made of Ms. Tanquay to separate expenses of the ESSER funding and ARP grant dollars from the general fund to show a factual depiction of how those funds are being utilized. This will aide in the preparation of subsequent budgets.

Food Services

Mr. Brooks retired from Region 14 effective June 2021 and solicitations for a new Food Service Director returned a very limited applicant pool. The plan, moving forward, is to contract with EdAdvance, who will provide managerial oversight of the Region 14 Food Service program. All costs for food and staff will continue to be paid by Region 14 and all money and claims will be collected by the district. EdAdvance will provide a District Leader who will be in the school district 5 hours per day in rotation at each school. Additional terms of the contract were discussed. The proposal will be brought before the entire board this evening for consideration.

Food service managers are currently in the process of ordering food for the start of school so that hot lunches may be offered to our students.

BAN Update

No discussion

Other Business

Mr. Belinsky, the Director of Agriscience, was present for the discussions. Currently, revenues from Agriscience events i.e. plant sales, maple syrup, livestock, etc. are deposited into a student activity fund, which limits the types of disbursements. Looking to expand expenditures to better match revenue sources, for example, the funds from the sale of scrap metal can be used to purchase equipment. Item tabled for further discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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