Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education Regional School District 14 <u>www.ctreg14.org</u> Monday, October 7, 2019

In attendance were: Committee members George Bauer, Michael Devine. Also in attendance were Janet Morgan, Wayne McAllister, Joseph Olzacki, Carol Ann Brown, Donna Marcinek, BOE clerk Karen Daley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

YTD General Fund Financials – Revenue – Revenue is on track so far this fiscal year. The only concern is VoAg tuition. Enrollment is down 10 students from the expected numbers of students from sending towns. One factor could be the opening of the Region 12 VoAg program and another may be based on the proper selection of students who can fully participate in the VoAg program. The VoAg program is looking at adding some additional course offerings to pull in more students. Over the next three years 46 students will graduate and their sending towns will no longer be sending students to the Region 14 VoAg program but will instead send to Region 12.

Expenditures – Expenditures are in line with where they were expected to be for normal operations.

Special Services Report – Donna Marcinek went through the Special Education costs and they are substantial but mostly in line with what was budgeted for. The District Special Education Instructional Leader position did not fill after being posted; there were no qualified applicants. A decision was made and a teacher was moved into this role. In addition to many other tasks she will be overseeing IEP's to make sure we are in compliance. To date all complaints that were filed with the state have been dismissed and having the extra oversight and training will help prevent any further issues. Based on student needs a couple of more Paraprofessionals are needed to cover, specifically at Mitchell Elementary School. Previously Paraprofessionals were used in classrooms if the number of students in a class was beyond a certain threshold to act as an assistant. Paraprofessionals are now being used based on students IEP's so the need is based on requirements and cannot be compromised on. Pre-K numbers are 18 at Mitchell and will be at 18 in Bethlehem by March which are in line with the neighboring towns.

Mr. Bauer requested a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene prior to the next BOE meeting on October 21st at 6:00 pm. The committee will then pick up and finish the items on the agenda that were not discussed due to time restraints and the start of the regular Board of Education meeting at 7:00 pm. Seconded by Ms. Morgan. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

YTD Building Project Financials – Postponed to 10/21/19 Year-end close out – Postponed to 10/21/19

Public Comment – Postponed to 10/21/19

Other business – Postponed to 10/21/19

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Daley

Regional School District 14 Board Clerk Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Karen Daley, Board Clerk 10/11/2019