

MINUTES

Meeting of the Finance/Facilities Subcommittee
Wednesday, February 3, 2021 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

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Committee Members Present:

Jim Crocker
George Bauer
Jonathan Kapstein
Michael Devine

Also Present:

Dr. Joseph Olzacki, Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Patrick DiSarro, Communications Specialist
Patricia Paige, Board Clerk

Call to Order

Mr. Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Monthly Budget Report

Ms. Tina Tanguay, the Director of Finance and Operations, provided a summary of the financials for month ending January 31, 2021.

Administration is continuing with the budget freeze and only absolute necessities for the district are being considered; accessing all requests as they come through for purchases across the board.

CRF (Coronavirus Relief Fund) grant monies were received in total as of Friday, January 29th. The grant covered the period from March 13, 2020 to December 30, 2020 and totaled \$221, 844. Since all monies have been received, Ms. Tanguay noted that she was able to reimburse the general fund and plans to reimburse the towns for their portion of last year's general fund monies for expenses incurred in 2019/2020 which included sprayers and other PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) purchases. The monies will be returned via check to keep a clean audit trail. There still remains Covid expenses that have not been reimbursed or that were incurred after the grant was submitted.

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Monthly NHS Project Report

Project date expenses total \$61,069,328. The commissioning and certifying processes continue. Change orders and eligible expenses still await approval at the state level.

School Lunch Update

The January numbers are still in process and are not firm to report on.

Currently reassessing the anticipated revenue and expenses with Grab and Go. There are increasing numbers of students taking advantage of the program. The Grab and Go includes breakfast, which was not part of the process before the students went out on full remote learning in November.

The Government reimburses the district a fixed rate per meal. Ms. Tanguay was apprised yesterday that the state is reimbursing the district for both lunch and breakfast.

AGRI-SCIENCE Enrollment and Revenue Update

Applications for the new-year have been reviewed and the acceptance letters are in the process; students' acceptance are due back around the 15th of February. No firm numbers to report on as of yet, hoping by the middle of the month so those figures can be shared at the Finance Committee meeting in March.

An inquiry was made regarding Bethel student Agriscience applications, redirected by the Bethel School District to Region 12 from Region 14, and whether or not the district adhered to state statute in doing so. The board's attorney, Mark Sommaruga, sent a letter to the superintendent of the Bethel School District, but has not heard anything to date. In the meantime, Ed Belinsky, the Director of the Agriscience Program for Region 14, has reached out to the affected students in hopes of having them return to Region 14's program.

Covid Expense Update

Discussed under Monthly Budget – nothing further to add.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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