

In attendance were: Committee members Mike Devine, Janet Morgan, George Bauer; Dave Lampart also, Dr. Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Wayne McAllister, and BoE clerk Natascha Schwartz. There was also one member of the community and board member, Maryanne Van Aken.

**2016-17 YTD Budget Review:**

Mr. Bauer called on Mr. McAllister to give an update on the YTD budget. Revenues are above expenditures, with revenues at \$11,308,449.00 and expenditures at \$8,152,364.00. He advised that both towns pay on a monthly basis and are on schedule. Agriscience tuition is currently at 34.32% and should currently be at 50% YTD. Calls have been made to get those dollars in. The state Agriscience grant is being distributed on a quarterly basis from the original bi-annual payments. On the expenditures side, everything is on target with the exception of employee Benefits. There is a dispute with Anthem over being double billed for a particular former employee showing up as a current employee as well. In October 2016 the state reduced the Special Education excess cost reimbursement by \$60K, which equates to \$60K less in revenues for the Special Education grant. Mr. Bauer recapped what was discussed and will be presented to the BOE during the regular meeting.

**2016-17 Special Services Budget Update:**

Ms. Fensore advised that the largest impact on the budget is out of district placements. She went over the budget overview spreadsheet and explained the placements. Special attention is being paid to the number of students who are not in school, which are being tutored for a variety of reasons including school avoidance behaviors. Very importantly Ms. Fensore has been working closely with staff along with families, and is proud to report that as of today, there are no students at home (with the exception of expulsions).

Dr. Anna commented as legislation is changing from providing 10 hours to 25 hours per week of home tutoring to students not currently in school. Ms. Fensore will be working to collaborate with neighboring towns to create an alternative learning program for this student demographic. Mr. McAllister was happy to report that Ms. Fensore was able to save the region \$30k in her 1<sup>st</sup> year by having children back in school.

**Technology Lease Plan Resolution:**

Mr. McAllister gave a final update on technology lease plan and to be voted on during regular BOE meeting. IRS regulation must certify that we are not borrowing more than \$10M this year and cannot add new money from the 5 year lease that is in place. He and Dr. Anna discussed wanting to start paying in current year operating budget going forward rather than paying in arrears as is currently being done.

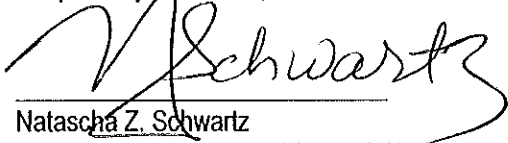
**Other Business:**

- a) Pre-school program – Mr. Devine commented that the region collects revenue from parents from each student that is in the Pre-school program. He stated that the revenue is not offsetting the expenses in the budget/not being shown on the revenue side and that we show the expenses as built into the expenses side. Mr. McAllister mentioned that the amounts currently show as a credit to the expense side. Ms. Fensore and Mr. McAllister are conducting a preschool analysis.
- b) 2017-18 Budget Calendar – Mr. McAllister advised that he and Dr. Anna met with all of the schools today as a starting point.

**Public comment:** None

Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Natascha Z. Schwartz  
Regional School District 14 Board Clerk

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