

Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education  
Regional School District 14 [www.ctreg.org](http://www.ctreg.org)  
Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Start: 7:12 pm End: 8:30 pm

In attendance were Chair Mike Devine, Janet Morgan, and George Bauer; also, Maryanne Van Aken, Wayne McAllister, and BoE clerk Deb Carlton

The committee first reviewed legal fees as part of the monthly financial reporting. Mr. McAllister responded to questions about how the legal strategy is decided and put in place in order to move the process forward. Mr. Bauer suggested having Attorney Sommaruga meet with the building committee, and report to the full board in executive session about strategy.

Mr. McAllister reported that the school lunch program is losing money, which he attributes in part to the switch to whole wheat. NHS is the only school showing any profit. Remedies/suggestions will be developed.

A detailed spreadsheet was offered on Special Education outplacements and excess costs. It was confirmed for new members that the district assumes responsibility for these students until age 21. There was interest in knowing how many post high school students are coming off/coming on to this list. It was confirmed that these expenditures are close, within \$40g, of what was budgeted, and that the list includes one more student than what was expected.

A summary of the 2014-15 budget was reviewed, all 99 line items, with approved budget, adjustments, adjusted figures, expended to date, encumbered to date, and available balance.

It was confirmed that principals know where they are at any given time relative to their own budgets.

A first quarter summary of transfers was reviewed, and the committee will recommend board approval of them at the regular meeting on 10/20.

The budget timeline was reviewed, and there were several questions about when the BoE becomes involved in the process, whether the Finance committee sees the budget prior to it going to the full board, when workshops would be most beneficial, and when and how often administrators would be asked to attend. These questions will be discussed further at Thursday's retreat. It was also discussed that the full board should hear budget goals from each school, as well as Special Ed and facilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Devine

Michael Devine, Chair