

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Fiscal Committee Meeting

Approved Minutes of Thursday, October 14, 2021
Administration Building Conference Room

Committee Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Board Chair
Mary Kortmann
Michael Sobol

Committee Members Absent:

William Oros, Chair

Also Present:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools
Robert Carroll, Director of Finance and Operations

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

II. VOTE: Approve Fiscal Minutes of September 9, 2021

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 9, 2021

By: M. Sobol

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

M. Sobol noted his appreciation for the accuracy of the minutes.

III. Information: Emergency Connectivity Fund (E-Rate)

R. Carroll explained the procedure for these funds, which have already been spent. He added there is a round two coming up.

IV. Information: Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Carroll noted the additional detail included in item one.

Dr. Petrone said several items had language added.

Mr. Carroll reviewed the Town CIP and said that the Town Manager has melded together the classroom computers and the network refresh items at various times.

Dr. Petrone said there is a pattern where we are not receiving the money needed and it will eventually catch up with us.

M. Kortmann asked if the priorities could be adjusted and could we move out some items.

The Committee discussed and adjusted several items.

The Committee said it would be an efficient use of time to approve the plan on October 28 at the Board of Education meeting.

V. Financial Reports for September 30, 2021

V.A. Management Report

V.B. Encumbrance Reports

V.C. Special Education Tuition/Excess Cost

Mr. Carroll reviewed various items on the report, including special education tuition, which is now looking at a deficit. Dr. Petrone said the group home situation in town continues to put a burden on the district.

Mr. Carroll continued and noted athletic salaries and student transportation. He added that middle school basketball will not be run this winter, as such athletic salaries has a surplus. Mr. Carroll said this has been categorized as a COVID-19 savings. Mr. Carroll said that transportation also has a surplus and the Committee talked about how to categorize that. The Committee agreed that transportation would not be categorized under COVID-19 savings.

V.D. Capital and Special Funds

M. Kortmann noted that there has not been much movement here. Mr. Carroll said the PSSS van was quoted approximately \$15,000 higher; the Committee said we should move forward. Mr. Carroll said they are still working on securing a final dealership.

V.E. Food Service

The Committee noted the increase in the Food Service accounts. J. Beausoleil said this is due to the federal program providing meals. J. Beausoleil said if we can possibly save and use these funds to save the taxpayers money, we will do that, as we have done consistently in the past.

VI. Adjournment

MOTION: To Adjourn the Fiscal Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: M. Sobol

Result: Motion carries unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: November 11, 2021