

Seymour Board of Education
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 3, 2023
Seymour Middle School
7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kristen Harmeling
Beth Nesteriak
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Champagne
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools
Salvatore Bucci, Business Manager
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Harmeling called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment provides the opportunity for the public to make a comment. It is not a dialogue between the Board and the public. Based upon what is heard during Public Comment, the Board may choose to add a topic to the agenda. If questions are posed that the Chairman is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairman's Comments portion of the agenda. The Board will not discuss personnel matters. Comments should be respectful and no longer than 3 minutes in length so that all who wish to comment may have the opportunity to do so. All public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

None

Public Comment closed at 7:04 pm

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Financial Management Summary – April 3, 2023

Mr. Bucci reviewed the Financial Management Summary. The March report much like other reports in 2023, is a fluid estimation of spending progress against budgetary goals. As of March the net projected surplus is \$11K. He said this was soft projection as certain planned expenditures may be later deferred based on budgetary demands. He reviewed some accounts such as Certified Staff, that has a positive variance of \$252K in staffing costs. In the non-Certified account there is currently a positive variance of 64K which is mainly due to surpluses in Custodial and Paraeducator services. Employee Benefits has a positive variance of \$141K, \$79K relates to Health Insurance costs primarily due to changes in benefits elections for several employees. In the Facilities account, there is a negative variance of \$137K all of which relates to Building Repair and Maintenance. This negative variance reflects unanticipated costs incurred such as the broken pipe at the high school which cost approximately \$12,000 - \$15,000. We are currently assessing whether an insurance claim should be submitted. We were able to repair the server with parts we had in inventory. At some point, these parts will need to be replaced. The adult education and administration line has a positive variance of \$46K of which \$26K related to sports-related travel which is now included in Transportation. Ms. Harmeling asked for a breakdown of the facilities account of what has been done and what is left to be done. Dr. Compton said she hoped Mr. Connors will come to our next meeting to share his vision.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report

None

B. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Compton thanked the committee for their support last week at the Board of Finance meeting. She was glad the Town agreed to a 3.8% increase. She reminded the Board that the next meeting is tomorrow night at 6:00 pm in Town Hall.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Ms. Nesteriak/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to adjourn

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Nesteriak

MOTION PASSES: 2-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk

YouTube Link (April 3, 2023)

<https://youtube.com/live/yKimhQZaiQg?feature=share>