

Seymour Board of Education
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 1, 2023
Seymour Middle School
7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Champagne
Kristen Harmeling
Beth Nesteriak

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 7:07 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.

Amber Burton, 18 Edgehill Terrace, Seymour – Wanted to say in light of all that is going on thank you Board of Education members for all that you do.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Financial Management Summary – May 1, 2023

Mr. Bucci reviewed the finance report for May 1, 2023 saying it is basically the same as it has been for the last several months. As of the April report, the net projected surplus is \$12,000. He reviewed the variances. Certified Staff Currently there is a new positive variance of \$318,000 in staffing costs. There have been interim vacancies in Administration, regular and special education, and unified arts instruction. He reported special grant allocations offset certain costs. For Non-Certified Staff, there is currently a net positive variance of \$68, 000. The primary attribute of this is a surplus in custodial services, which is offset by a deficit in non-certified substitute teachers. Employee Benefits there is a current positive variance of \$98,000 of which \$79,000 relates to health insurance costs which is due to changes in benefit elections for several employees. A negative variance of \$145,000 in Facilities which is due to building repair and maintenance unanticipated costs incurred. Transportation and Tuition has somewhat stabilized. Ms. Harmeling asked if we are receiving invoices in a timely manner. Mr. Bucci said he is more confident that things are not coming out of the woodwork and that he also has a better handle on purchase orders. He indicated that legal bills are notoriously late. Dr. Compton said a review of the legal bills indicates our legal costs are decreasing. She thanked Dr. Boyle for helping with these savings. Mr. Champagne asked about the status of the HVAC project at the high school and was told all but two units have been "fired up". Mr. Bucci said he was very pleased with how the project has gone so far. We won't know our energy savings until the fall since school will be closed.

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Ms. Nesteriak) to recommend to the full Board the approval of the May 1, 2023 Financial Management Summary

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Nesteriak

MOTION PASSES: 3-0-0

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report

Ms. Harmeling reminded the public that the referendum is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2023 at the community center from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

B. Superintendent's Report
None

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Nesteriak

MOTION PASSES: 3-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

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