

**Brandywine School District**  
**District Finance Committee**

Minutes of the Meeting of February 9, 2022

Members Present: James Hanby (Chair Person), John Skrobot III, Matt Auerbach, Chris Milionis, Chuck Landry, Jack Vinokur, Victor Ferzetti

Members Absent: Susan Koski, Kim Stock

Other District Representatives Present: Jason Hale-Chief Financial Officer, Angie Thomas-Manager of Finance

Members of the Public: Willie Pollins

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hanby at 5:02 P.M.

I. Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2022 Meeting

The minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting were introduced for review and approval.

A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was introduced by Mr. Milionis; seconded by Mr. Auerbach; Approved unanimously.

II. January 31, 2021 Financial Report

The January 31, 2021 financial report set was introduced for review. Dr. Hale led the committee through the report.

a. Revenue Report

Dr. Hale everything looks good. He reported that the District Board meeting was held on Monday, February 7, 2022 and the January and February 2022 reports will be presented for approval to the next District Board meeting which will be on March 21, 2022.

Dr. Hale stated we are starting to receive the majority for the reconciled Unit Counts.

Dr. Hale commented he is happy to report we are at 99% of our projected revenue on our property taxes.

Dr. Hale reported that the interest income is still zero. He stated at the last Business Managers meeting the representative from the State Treasurer's Office was there and he brought up that the School Boards and our Districts Finance Committees are growing beyond impatient on this matter and we need someone to come to our meetings and provide us with information on why the interest income has been zero for so long. They assured us that they are going to talk to the Treasurer and report back. Mr. Hanby suggested that Mr. Hohler send a formal request for information also signed by Mr. Skrobot.

Dr. Hale informed the Committee that we received information from the Department of Education that for the first time Charter Schools have submitted tuition bills. The Superintendents of 19 State School Districts wrote a letter expressing they feel they do not need to pay those bills because the Charters receive funds through the tuition program. Not all of the Charter Schools submitted bills but the total that was submitted is about \$5 million. Brandywine School District's portion being about \$340,000. Conversations are taking place with DOE. Dr. Hale stated he is one of the 4 CFO's that will set in on these meetings and will keep the Committee posted on the progress. Mr. Milionis asked if the Charter Schools received ESSER funds. Dr. Hale informed the Committee that yes, they did.

b. Operating Unit Expenditure Report

Dr. Hale reported everything was updated according to the FY22 Budget that was approved by the District Board last month. He stated everything looks good.

Dr. Hale reported we will be doing a brief overview at the next District Board meeting on the ESSER expenditures. He stated that we will be doing amendment to make adjustment to the original ESSER amounts.

c. Cash Flow

Dr. Hale reported we are in about the same place as we were this time last year.

The projected carryover balance for June 30, 2022 is \$10.7 million.

A motion to approve the January 31, 2021 Financial Report was introduced by Mr. Landry; seconded by Mr. Milionis.

III. Board Meeting Follow Up

Mr. Hanby stated that the Wilmington Learning Collaborative was introduced at the Board meeting. Mr. Skrobot spoke about questions concerning the financial aspects of the Collaborative and the role Dr. Hale and the Committee will play.

IV. Other Business

Mr. Milionis brought up some follow up business from the January 5, 2022 meeting concerning the dissemination of information on the ESSER funds. Mr. Milionis stated he and Dr. Hale have met and are working together on collecting information. Dr. Hale stated that he has also been working with Danielle, the Information Officer, and she has some really good ideas on how to report the ESSER spending to the public. Mr. Milionis stated it may be a good idea to partner with the State as they may already have ideas on disseminating the information on the spending of the ESSER funds that is user friendly.

Mr. Milionis made the suggestion to add "Follow Up Business" to the monthly Agenda.

Mr. Pollins stated he was confused about a grant for computers brought up at the Board meeting. Dr. Hale stated that grant is not included within the Brandywine Budget. Dr. Hale stated he will find out more information and report back.

Mr. Auerbach mentioned another follow up item to add to the Agenda would be needing additional members that may add increased diversity to the Committee. Mr. Hanby stated he is very concerned and has brought this up with Board members about new members and increased diversity.

Next DFC Meeting will be on March 16, 2022.

A motion to adjourn was introduced by Mr. Skrobot; seconded by Mr. Vinokur. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

This meeting was held via Zoom because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.  
Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Lurty, Senior Administrative Assistant