

**Brandywine School District**  
**District Finance Committee**  
Minutes of the Meeting of January 13, 2021

Members Present: James Hanby (Chair Person), Chuck Landry, John Skrobot, III,  
Matt Auerbach, Jack Vinokur, Kristin Pidgeon, Board Member Alternate

Members Absent: Chris Milionis, Susan Koski, Victor Ferzetti

Other District Representatives Present: Jason Hale, Chief Financial Officer, Lincoln Hohler,  
Superintendent, Angie Thomas, Business Specialist

Members of the Public:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hanby at 5:01 P.M.

I. Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2020 Meeting

The minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting were introduced for review and approval.  
Mr. Hanby pointed out that Kristin Pidgeon should be listed as an Alternate Board Member.

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

II. December 31, 2020 Financial Report

The December 31, 2020 financial report set was introduced for review. Dr. Hale led the  
committee through the reports.

a. Revenue Report

Unit Counts have been finalized. They have been certified by DOE and the State Board.

Consolidated Grant has been approved.

b. Operating Unit Expenditure Report

Dr. Hale stated he wanted to commend the Principals for how they are handling their budgets.

December was a three pay cycle month which makes the expenditures seem higher.

Prior year expenditures continue to be cleaned up.

c. Cash Flow

The projected carryover balance for June 30, 2021 is \$10.8 million.

A motion to approve the December 31, 2020 Financial Report was introduced by Mr. Vinokur; seconded by Mr. Landry. Approved unanimously.

### III. Financial Position Report

Quarterly report to DDOE which shows there are enough available funds to carry us through October 2021 when the bulk of our tax dollars are received.

A motion to approve the Financial Position Report will be sent to the Board of Education for approval was introduced by Mr. Auerbach; seconded by Mr. Landry. Approved unanimously.

### IV. Final Operating Budget FY 2021

Relief Funding due to the decline in enrollment. We were just below the 98% guaranteed enrollment count. Brandywine has 143 less students enrolled this year. 12 school districts fell below the 98%. Some of the school districts had a significant decrease in enrollment. The State will provide relief funding up to 99% of anticipated revenue. This is \$700,000 for Brandywine.

We received \$3.7 million dollars this year in various Covid Stimulus Funds. Federal funding includes: G.E.E.R. Covid 19, G.E.E.R. Mental Health and C.A.R.E.S. Act.

Distance Learning funds are County funds being shown as other funds. We received this one time funding of \$526,000 which shows as an overage over last year.

The Tax Rate remains unchanged in FY 2021.

Joint Finance Committee meets February 18, 2021 for the budget meeting on Education.

Expenditures have not changed from last month's reports.

Conversation about the DAG for Education has reviewed all the information and stated they do not believe that Deseg Transportation is something that is required to continue. This funding only impacts 4 districts; Brandywine, Red Clay, Colonial and Christina. Nothing has been finalized. Superintendents will be involved, once more information becomes available.

Slight adjustment made to the Nutrition budget due to the considerable expenditures this year that exceed the revenue which would not happen under normal operations.

We are working closely with the State to finalize how transportation funding is going to work. It is anticipated that we will receive level funding from last year. We are waiting on the Office of Management and Budget and the Comptroller General Office's final stamp of approval.

Operating Units and Program Codes allow us to budget and keep track of expenditures in greater detail and make budgetary changes as needed.

A motion to approve the Financial Position Report will be sent to the Board of Education for approval was introduced by Mr. Auerbach; seconded by Mr. Vinokur. Approved unanimously.

V. Board Meeting Follow Up

No topics to be discussed.

VI. Other Business

Superintendent Hohler stated we welcomed back Pre-K to fifth grades and eighteen through twenty one year old programs Monday, January 11, 2021 for a successful reopening. We are looking forward to welcoming back sixth through twelfth grade hybrid learners on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Mr. Auerbach commented that the return of students is going rather smoothly.

Next DFC Meeting will be on February 10, 2021.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

This meeting was held via Zoom because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Lurty, Senior Administrative Assistant