

Seymour Board of Education



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025

Chatfield-LoPresti School

6:45 pm

Board Members Present: Chris Champagne
Lori Nespoli
Kristen Bruno
Pete Kubik

Others In Attendance: Dr. Susan Compton
Salvatore Bucci
Shannon Levey

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Champagne called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Chairperson is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairperson'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 the public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

- Public comment called three times, no comment.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. [Financial Statement](#)

There were no significant changes from the previous month. The district received the first installment of the Excess Cost Grant for special education services. While this is an encouraging development, Mr. Bucci remains cautious. He has increased the projected amount we expect to receive by \$50,000 based on current trends.

During the first quarter, the school camera grant project was completed. The district has submitted extensive documentation to the state for reimbursement. At this time, there is nothing further to do except wait for the state to process the request. Preliminary indications suggest that everything is in order. The new cameras are integrated with local law enforcement systems.

An expansion of the camera system is underway at the middle school to address a few areas of need. This expansion is limited to the cost of the cameras and installation, as the supporting infrastructure is already in place. There was some confusion regarding a reported surplus of \$1.3 million. The figure referenced was from the Board of Education's Town Control Account, which does not reflect actual district expenses. Due to the structure of teacher compensation—where a significant portion is paid at the end of the fiscal year—it is expected that approximately \$1.5 million remains reserved for these upcoming payments. The financial picture would appear more balanced if expenses were spread evenly across all 12 months.

MOTION: to send the Financial Report for March 31, 2025 to the full board for final approval (Lori Nespoli / sec. Chris Champagne)

AFFIRMATIVE: Lori Nespoli, Chris Champagne

PASSES: 2-0-0

IV. REPORTS

A. Board of Education

1. Chairman Comments
2. Board Member Comments

B. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent expressed appreciation for the successful state match for the camera grant. The original work was initiated by Rich Kearns and has now been brought to completion. The final package turned out to be much improved. As part of the upgrade, the Superintendent requested four cameras to be installed—two in the middle school cafeteria and two in the hallway—for the price of two. These additions were much needed and came at minimal cost. However, she noted that the district still lacks the optimal number of cameras for full coverage.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Prepared by: Shannon Levey,
Board Clerk