

Seymour Board of Education

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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DATE: 2/11/20
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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

February 3, 2020
Chatfield-LoPresti School
7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristen Harmeling
Ed Strumello

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Beth Nesteriak

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
Sherry Holmes, Business Manager
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:06 p.m.

II. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Wilson asked for nominations for the Chairperson of the Finance Committee

Mr. Strumello nominated Ms. Harmeling and hearing no other nominations, Ms. Harmeling was appointed Chairperson of the Finance Committee. The meeting was turned over to Ms. Harmeling.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Financial Management Summary Ending January 31, 2020

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Strumello) to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Financial Management Summary ending January 31, 2020 as presented

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 2-0

Ms. Holmes reported to the Finance Committee that the Year-End Audit is done as of January 31, 2020. The approved 2020-2021 Board of Education budget information was provided to the Town Clerk's office for inclusion in the Town 2020-2021 budget process. The Board of Education is scheduled to present its 2020-2021 Budget to the Board of Finance on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Ms. Holmes reviewed each line item for the committee. A/C 110-119 Certified Staff is on target at this time will continue to be monitored. A/C 120-140 Non Certified Staff continues to remain within budget parameters. We continue to have a difficult time finding instructional paraprofessionals to fill our vacant positions. This is a problem all districts are having. Seymour paraprofessional wages are on the low side. Mr. Wilson said his group SCASA are all in the same boat. Only success reported is with outside sources. We will continue to look into solutions. A/C 210-295 Employee Benefits most accounts appear to be trending as projected. A/C 411-450 Infrastructure Services we continue to closely monitor repair and maintenance efforts over the winter and will be performing only safety and emergency repairs until the spring. A/C 510-519 Transportation we are over budget in A/C 517 S/Ed Non Local Transportation as we have had several unbudgeted students added to our enrollment. These students are attending schools that require dedicated transportation services. A/C 520-529 Insurance these accounts are trending higher than the budgeted amounts for 19-20.

A/C 561-564 Tuition we will continue to monitor these accounts, as they are high. We are monitoring the Excess Cost Grant calculations in February and April as we may see some additional funding for the non-budgeted students. A/C 610-690 Supplies the budget is still frozen allowing only those purchases that are emergency in nature or necessary to continue student learning. A/C 730-745 Equipment only limited purchases have been made in these accounts. The technology equipment line will be frozen until spring 2020. Mr. Strumello spoke about legal costs and said the Board has a strong feeling that we should go out to bid.

V. REPORTS

1. Chairman's Report

No report at this time but Ms. Harmeling said she is pleased to be Chairman of this committee and looks forward to working with the Town. She will be reaching out about the meeting on February 11. She said she would like to see more visibility in student activity accounts specifically how much money is earned and where it ends up. Also vending machine sales.

2. Superintendent's Report

None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 2-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk