

Seymour Board of Education
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 7, 2022
7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris Champagne
Kristen Harmeling
Beth Nesteriak

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Salvatore Bucci, Business Manager – By Phone

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Harmeling called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 pm
Introductions were made by the members of the committee.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

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None

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Financial Management Summary – March 7, 2022

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to
recommend to the full Board the approval of the Financial Management Summary

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling

MOTION PASSES 2-0

Mr. Bucci reported that we are making progress with our financial affairs and he continues to review the grants and make the necessary adjustments. He reviewed his submitted report and notes some changes he has made in the format. A new category was added entitled Energy that includes account codes 622, 624, and 625 that were removed from Supplies. The Electricity account has been bifurcated to show electricity usage and Solar project bond payments. He discussed the 45% credit All Star is offering for runs that did not happen during the year. He felt this was inadequate and will continue to pursue. Ms. Harmeling thanked Mr. Bucci and said she felt the reports continue to get better due to changes he is making to the reports.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report

None

B. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Compton said we will be scheduling the Liaison Committee and the Facilities and Transportation Committees in the near future. She said there may be a need for a special called Finance Committee also to bring closure to the budget percentage. She talked about meeting with the Town Finance Board and how supportive they have been. Ms. Harmeling agreed.

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Cengiz Efe, 26 Colony Road – Reported to the Board that he is working with Ansonia on their charter and would be available to work with Seymour on grants. He will email the superintendent. Cara Bordonaro, 21 Hidden Valley Road – talked about being upset about possible removal of any staff due to budget cuts. She talked about the impact of the pandemic on the children and their need for social emotional support. She emphasized the important of small class sizes and offered research showing the benefits of smaller class sizes. She asked the Board to be mindful of protecting the students' educational and social/emotional well-being.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk

YouTube Link:

https://youtu.be/1uzulJ_C6Fo