Seymour Board of Education  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
April 12, 2021  
Zoom  
7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:  
Kristen Harmeling  
Beth Nesteriak  
Ed Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:  
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent  
David Fiorillo, Interim Business Manager  
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER  
A. Pledge of Allegiance  
Ms. Harmeling called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT  
Please note: "If you would like to make a public comment during this meeting, please complete the "Public Comment Request Form" which can be accessed via the link: https://forms.gle/ecNornPqigowkFpW7, which can also be accessed on the Seymour Public Schools homepage under contacting the Board. Requests must be received no later than 6pm on Monday, April 12, 2021."

None

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION  
A. Financial Management Summary  

MOTION (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Nesteriak) to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Financial Management Summary ending March 31, 2021

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 3-0

Mr. Fiorillo did a quick review of the Financial Management Summary. He said information has been received from the State of CT on the ESSER II Grant and the amount award to Seymour is $1,019,026. Districts have to apply for this grant in the e-grants management system when the application is available prior to March 1, 2021. The Coronavirus Relief Grant Funds Expenditure spreadsheet is almost complete and it will be uploaded to the e-grants system. Districts were given an extension on this timeline and it is now due by October 31, 2021. Mr. Fiorillo will share this spreadsheet with the Board when it is completed. He reviewed the line items 110-119 Certified Staff, which continues to be in a favorable position. The balance of the District Learning Teachers will be covered by the ESSER 1 and 11 grants. Non-certified staff continues to be on track. Employee Benefits – The first half of the employees insurance cost shares have been booked against 210 Health Insurance and the remaining amount will be recorded in June 2021. Workers Compensation – will be transferred to the Town as the Board’s share for 20-21 is $150,000. Infrastructure Services has been impacted by COVID19. Account 431 building repair and maintenance, is currently in a deficit situation. Transportation – We have received a credit from All Star Transportation. Account 517, special education local transportation shows a savings due to the use of ACES transportation. Tuition – We have encumbered the special education costs based on student enrollments in specialized program. Sped/Private Facilities account remains in a deficit situation. These accounts will be monitored closely. The first Excess Cost payment was received from the State at the end of last month. We anticipate a surplus in the following accounts: Bus Fuel, Electricity, and Heating Fuel. Equipment – only limited purchases will be made for required custodial and instructional equipment. Overall, Mr. Fiorillo feels we are in a pretty good spot. He feels he may have a reasonable estimate of the surplus at our next meeting. Ms. Harmeling said this is a strange year as a surplus is unusual. She asked about security services and if the school security officers and Mr. Kearns are
included in this line item. Mr. Fiorillo confirmed this. She asked where the payments to the police department for events were posted. Mr. Strumello said for sporting events it comes out of the athletic account. Mr. Fiorillo explained for other services, the police send an invoice; it is not salary or personnel. Ms. Nesteriak asked if the expenditure spreadsheet is being worked on and Mr. Fiorillo confirmed it was being worked on. He explained there are multiple spreadsheets and he is making sure the costs are COVID related. The expenses must be submitted after the money is spent. They have found additional expenditures. Expenses must be paid before 12/30/20. Finding the information takes time. Ms. Harmeling asked if the Board collaborates on spending these grants. Ms. Tencza said Mr. Wilson and she met with the administrators to discuss learning loss, which is what the State is targeting. Mr. Fiorillo said we have the right priorities. Ms. Harmeling asked if there would be input from the Board and asked Mr. Strumello to follow up on this. Ms. Nesteriak felt the Board should be involved.

IV. REPORTS
A. Chairman’s Report
   Ms. Harmeling welcomed Mr. Fiorillo and thanked him for stepping in to help. Mr. Strumello concurred.
B. Superintendent’s Report
   None

V. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Nesteriak) to adjourn

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerly
Board Clerk