I. CALL TO ORDER
   A. Pledge of Allegiance
      Ms. Harmeling called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT
    Please note: If you would like to have a public comment read into the minutes, please email your brief (300 words or less) comment along with your full name and address to harmelingk@seymourschools.org by no later than 6:30 pm on Monday, May 3, 2021.

None

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
   A. Financial Management Summary
      MOTION: (Ms. Nesteriak/sec., Mr. Strumello) to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Financial Management Summary ending April 30, 2021 with the removal of the last sentence that states “due to a tight budget year”.

      SO VOTED

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

      MOTION PASSES: 3-0

      Mr. Fiorillo reviewed the Financial Management Summary for the Finance Committee. He said we have received information from the State on the ESSER II grant and the amount awarded to Seymour is $1,019,026. Districts finished the application for this grant in the e-grants management system this month. The Coronavirus Relief Grant Funds Expenditures have been included in the monthly financial report. He said we would continue to monitor accounts closely as we get to year-end. He reviewed each line item saying certified staff continue to be in a favorable position, and non-certified staff continue to be on track. For Employee benefits, the first half of the employees insurance cost shares have been booked against the line item and the remaining amount will be recorded in June 2021. Workers Compensation has been transferred to the Town in the amount of $300,000. Ms. Harmeling questioned this amount as she recalled the amount to be $150,000. Mr. Fiorillo said he would check on this and get back to the Board after this meeting. Infrastructure Services has been impacted by COVID19. Account 431 Building Repair and Maintenance is currently in a deficit situation. Ms. Harmeling asked why this is if the ESSER funds have been applied. Mr. Fiorillo confirmed that those funds have not been applied. He anticipates that when this is done the line item will be zero. For transportation, we received a credit from All Star Transportation and Account 517 Special Education Non Local Transportation has realized a savings due to the use of ACES transportation. For Tuition, we have encumbered the Special Education Costs based on student enrollments in specialized programs. Special Education/Private Facilities remains in a deficit situation. He said he was informed that one of our outplaced students has moved to another town. He will continue to monitor these accounts closely. The first excess
cost payment was received from the State at the end of last month. We will receive the final excess cost information by our next meeting. He reported that we anticipate a surplus in bus fuel, electricity and heating fuel. Ms. Harmeling asked that the term “due to a tight budget year” be removed from this report stating that this may have been a holdover from previous reports. Ms. Harmeling asked if Mr. Sawicki is included in our meetings with the town and requested that she participate in these meetings also. Ms. Nesteriak asked about a projection on the fiscal year end and Mr. Fiorillo said it depends on what is applied from the grants but he predicts a surplus. He is certain that we will not be in a deficit situation. Ms. Harmeling said she saw a listing of expenditures in an email although she was not sure what it was but was thinking maybe it was for the first grant. Mr. Fiorillo said he was not sure to what she was referring. Ms. Harmeling said she was not aware we could identify additional items and Mr. Fiorillo said this does not happen all the time but this time they agreed. He said we are ahead of the game as compared to many towns. The State keeps changing the deadline. Mr. Strumello said we should compliment him since we are doing better than many towns. Mr. Fiorillo said we have superior staff in Seymour and that Central Office staff is superior. They have lots of knowledge. Mr. Strumello asked if he was satisfied with what we got from All Star. Mr. Fiorillo said they run a good ship and do the important stuff really well; they take care of kids. He said they have done a good job wherever he has been. He pointed out that they have lost many drivers due to this pandemic and it is hard to find replacements because it is a hard job. Ms. Harmeling wanted to know if we got a fair amount and he said he could not speak to this. Ms. Harmeling said she would like to have a sit down to talk about a surplus, which is something that has not happened in the past. She said she would follow up with Mr. Strumello.

IV. REPORTS
A. Chairman’s Report
None
B. Superintendent’s Report
None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT
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None

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

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Strumello
MOTION PASSES: 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk

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