

**Rochester School Board**  
**Finance Committee Minutes**  
School Department Board Room  
September 1, 2016  
6:45 PM

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**Members Present:**

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair  
Mr. Matthew Pappas  
Ms. Julie Brown  
Mrs. Jennifer Bryant  
Mr. Thomas J. Jean  
Mrs. Audrey Stevens  
Mrs. Karen Stokes  
Mr. Robert Watson

**Members Absent:**

**Also Present:**

Mr. Michael Hopkins  
Ms. Linda Casey  
Mr. Richard Bickford  
Mrs. Christiane Allison  
Ms. Nichole Guptel  
District Administrators  
Press & Guest

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. with a quorum present.

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Bryant, to approve minutes of the August 4, 2016 Finance Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

*Financial Update*

Ms. Casey, Business Administrator reviewed the Financial Report as of 8/31/16; it is still too early in the year to provide a detailed analysis. As noted in Personnel there are still a number of open positions for Para-Educators; we have hired a number of new teachers and have had several resignations. Also, effective October 1 all teachers are moving to lower costs insurance; we do not have an exact figure of how that change is going to impact the budget. November is the timeframe that we will have a better idea of where we are with Salaries and Benefits. Mr. Lynch requested a report regarding the number of changes associated with the October 1<sup>st</sup> insurance change.

*World Record Frisbee Toss*

Mr. Dean Graziano provided an overview of Guinness Book of World records Frisbee Toss that will be attempted on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Lilac Mall. The event started as a school focused initiative, but has evolved into a City-wide event. Mr. Graziano is relying on school administrators to get the word out to families; RMS and elementary schools are having students write essays about the importance of this world record event. There has been a great deal of support from local businesses, radio stations and two television stations as well as State Government leaders who will be the guest witnesses to sign-off at the event. All planning details are being reviewed with Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Repucci; also coordinating with the Mayor's Office.

*Financial Items from Personnel Committee*

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Stevens to recommend the board approve the request for twelve para-educators to support bringing out of district students back into the District. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to recommend the Board approve funding the stipend for the Dean of Students at Spaulding High School. The motion carried by majority vote.

*Public Comment – None*

*Other – None*

*Adjournment*

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair