

Rochester School Board
Finance Committee Minutes
School Department Board Room
November 3, 2016
6:45 PM

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Members Present:

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair
Mr. Matthew Pappas
Mrs. Jennifer Bryant
Mrs. Audrey Stevens
Mr. Robert Watson

Members Absent:

Ms. Julie Brown
Mr. Thomas J. Jean
Mrs. Karen Stokes

Also Present:

Mr. Michael Hopkins
Ms. Linda Casey
Mr. Richard Bickford
Mrs. Christiane Allison
Mr. Raymond Turner
Ms. Nichole Guptel
Guest

The meeting was called to order at 6:51 p.m. with a quorum present.

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, to approve minutes of the October 6, 2016 Finance Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Update

Ms. Casey, Business Administrator provided a financial report as of October 31. Ms. Casey reported that she conducts a very large budget analysis of how we are going to look at the end of the year and meeting with Mrs. Allison regarding Special Education costs is a very big part of budget impact. Quite a few new students have moved into the District, creating a need of an additional \$400,000 to cover costs of tuition, related services and transportation for these students. Ms. Casey indicated that we are in a budget freeze at this time, most of the funding has been found within line items to cover this costs. Hopefully we are status quo, if any more kids move into the District we will be in a problem situation. Purchase Orders are reviewed as they come in, any expenditures are reviewed case by case basis, emergency situation expenditures only.

Mrs. Allison explained that there is no trend of where students are moving from; if a student is in a placement and the parents want to maintain those services the District is obligated to accommodate the IEP. We work hard to provide services as cost effective as possible; sometimes there are no options. Some of the costs will be recovered through CAT Aide, next year and a portion from Medicaid reimbursement.

Financial Items from Personnel Committee

Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mrs. Bryant, to recommend the Board approve the stipend for Kathy DeGrechie in the amount of \$1,400 for additional work with multiple students at William Allen School. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Items form Building Committee

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Bryant, to recommend the Board approve moving forward with the submission of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Construction Manager for High School Sprinkler Upgrade. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Other – None

Adjournment

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Bryant, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair