

**Rochester School Board
Finance Committee Minutes
School Department Board Room
September 5, 2019
6:00 PM**

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Members Present:

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair
Mr. Matthew Pappas, Vice-Chair
Mr. Matthew Beaulieu
Ms. Julie Brown
Mrs. Sarah Harrington
Mrs. Audrey Stevens
Mr. Robert Watson

Members Absent:

Mr. Joseph Devine
Mrs. Amy Malone
Mrs. Karen Stokes

Also Present:

Mr. Kyle Repucci
Mrs. Christiane Alison
Mrs. Linda Bartlett
Mrs. Anne Grassie
Mr. David Totty
Guests

Mr. Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a quorum present.

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2019 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Update

Mrs. Bartlett stated that we're just about 2 months into the fiscal year. It is a little early yet to inform you of any issues. she will have more information next month.

Financial Items from Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee forwarded the addition of an English as a Second Language Teacher and a 35 hour per week Para-Educator due to student needs; a grant funded salary change for A.K., 21st Century Learning Center Program Director, in the amount of \$36,384.70 and a \$1,000 stipend request for K.C., School Psychologist, for Special Education Program support.

Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Ms. Brown, that the Board approve all motions from Personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Items from Building Committee

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Grassie, that the Board approve adding a second budget line for Spaulding High School Tower Repairs in the amount of \$30,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, that the Board approve WV Engineering Associates, PA, Keene, NH, in the amount of \$6,000 for the McClelland School gas boiler project. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mr. Pappas, that the Board approve the purchase of a dishwasher for Gonic School from TriMark Foodcraft, Winston-Salem, NC in the amount of \$16,213.76. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mr. Beaulieu, that the Board approve the purchase of two skids of sealcoat from JLP Sealcoat, Barrington, NH in the amount of \$9,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, that the Board approve reallocating \$14,829 to a new line from the Maple Street Magnet School ADA Project line to pay for the William Allen School intercom. The motion carried unanimously.

Solar Analysis

Mrs. Bartlett reviewed the Solar Savings analysis. The higher the Eversource rate, the more we are going to save. So far we have had \$27,475 savings on the district's electricity bill. Mr. Lynch requested that Mrs. Bartlett present the solar and lighting savings annually in September.

FY 2019 Year End

Included in your packets, we had a surplus in our revenues of \$211,391. On our expenditure side we had a \$1,331,523 surplus for a total of \$1,543,000. The detail of this is as follows: Revenues: State Education Aid, we had a surplus of \$216,670. Expenditures: During my monthly updates I had stated that we had salary and benefit surplus. It was \$750,000 as higher paid staff left the district. Other areas, when Mrs. Allison, Student Services Director, processes a purchase order for student services, we encumber it for the whole year thinking the student will stay with us. Though, we never know what that is until the end of the year. We also had a surplus in Principal and Interest of \$127,021.

Mr. Lynch believes it is worth having Mr. Repucci ask Mr. Cox for up to fifty percent of surplus to be returned to the district. Mrs. Bartlett stated that it is the total surplus of the city. Mr. Lynch stated that whatever the City chooses to give us will help if we don't have to bond with CIP, the better we will be.

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mr. Beaulieu, that the Board approve Mr. Repucci connecting with Mr. Cox regarding a surplus return. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment - none

Other – none

Mrs. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair