

**Rochester School Board  
Finance Committee Minutes  
School Department Board Room**

October 3, 2019

6:00 PM

**DRAFT**

**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 6:45 p.m. with a quorum present.

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2019 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

*Financial Update*

Mrs. Bartlett informed the Committee that the financial update is included in the packet. It has only been three months so it is difficult to project any issues. Mrs. Allison is currently working on quite a few purchase orders and a couple of students have come into the district with severe needs, so we are a little concerned. Mr. Pappas asked if there has been any update as to the reimbursement from the State. Mr. Repucci stated that we have a person working with the State Board group. Mrs. Bartlett stated that we will be ok this year but it could be an issue in subsequent years.

*FY 2020-21 Tuition Rates*

Mrs. Bartlett stated that each year we set the tuition rates so that Wakefield can build their budget. The attached sheet includes current enrollment. The final calculation for tuition is as follows: Elementary \$13,298.23, Middle School \$13,563.57 and High School \$14,521.38.

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mr. Watson, for the Board to approve the tuition rates as set above. The motion carried unanimously.

*FY 2020 Special Education Tuition Rates*

If any student comes to our district from a Non-Area School District, this year's tuition rate will be \$26,418.18.

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mr. Watson, for the Board to approve the Special Education Tuition rates as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

*Financial Items from Personnel Committee*

The Personnel Committee forwarded the donation of sick days request.

Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Ms. Brown, to recommend that the Finance Committee approve the RFT request for the donation of sick days on behalf of Para-Educator D.C. The motion carried unanimously.

*Other*

Mr. Watson asked if the State settled their budget and what effect it will have on our budget. Mr. Repucci stated that we hope it will come out on Monday. Mr. Watson asked Mrs. Bartlett if she could bring a recommendation next month. Mrs. Bartlett explained that in order to make any decision, we will need to know how the additional revenues will be handled. We will need to schedule a separate special Finance Committee meeting if it falls before the November meeting.

Mr. Repucci reminded the Committee that he sent a link for the 5-year strategic plan. Please feel free to click around in it and hopefully we can get a finalized plan out there. That way we will have a living document to guide us as we move forward.

*Public Comment - None*

*Other – None*

Mrs. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair