

DATE: March 22, 2021
TIME: 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Via Google Meeting (Virtual)

MINUTES

Stratford Board of Education – Finance Committee



Attendee Names

Karen Rodia(Committee Chair), Allison DelBene (Committee Vice Chair), Amy Wiltsie, Andrea Corcoran,Bob DeLorenzo, Janice Cupee, Vinny Faggella, Bob David, Ben Proto, Janet Robinson (Superintendent), Pam Mangini, Teresa Lycoudes (Recording Secretary), Kevin Klemme, Heather Borges, Lou Spetrino (Videographer)

Call to Order

The virtual meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Karen Rodia, at 6:30 PM. A quorum was confirmed. The meeting minutes from 2/22/2021 were accepted on a motion made by Mr. Faggella; seconded by Mrs. Wiltsie, and passed unanimously. 9-0

Items for Possible Action and/or Discussion

Budget Summary Report 2020 - 2021: Chief Operating Officer, Pam Mangini, gave a brief financial overview of the period since the last meeting of February 22nd. Mrs. Mangini reported the budget appears to be on track at this point in time. She remains hopeful there will be some savings in the salaries and transportation accounts. Mrs. Mangini briefly reported on utilities, as well.

Miss Cupee requested a list of unfilled positions and how long they've been unfilled. Mrs. Wiltsie asked about the nurses' salary line showing a deficit. Mrs. Mangini said it could be an adjusting entry, but added that she would look into it.

Grants: Dr. Klemme gave a brief report on Grants accounting. The report included ESSER funds, as well.

SPED/Enrollment Reports: Director of Pupil Personnel Svc., Heather Borges, reported on the financial status of Special Education. Mrs. Borges said there is nothing new to report. She is still monitoring the SPED budget closely at this point in time and continues to work closely with Mrs. Mangini.

Mrs. Wiltsie questioned the outplacement numbers on the Enrollment Report versus the number of outplaced students reported by Mrs. Borges. Dr. Robinson and Mrs. Mangini said they would look into what makes up the number of outplaced students on the District Enrollment Report.

Budget Transfers: There was one current Budget Transfer totaling \$20,000 for March 2021 approval.

1. The transfer of funds (\$20,000) to cover the expenses relating to special education legal costs. In FY 2021, a new account was created to separate out special education legal fees to improve the reporting and accounting of these expenses. Funds will be transferred from Legal Services (Object 300) to Legal Services - SPED (Object 300).

A motion was made by Mrs. Wiltsie; seconded by Miss Cupee to forward the Budget Transfer in the amount of \$20,000 to the full Board for final approval. A Roll Call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. 9-0

Enrollment: Dr. Robinson gave a brief report on district enrollment.

21-22 Budget Update: Dr. Robinson and Mrs. Mangini reported the Town of Stratford received the proposed 21-22 Itemized Estimate of Expenditures requesting an increase of 3.88% over last year. The Town of Stratford is set to approve only a 2.25% increase which means there's a lot of work to be done. Dr. Robinson said the Town is hopeful with the American Rescue Plan and ESSER funds that will be coming in the near future.

Mrs. Mangini stated the District has to proceed cautiously, and that by the April meeting she is hopeful there will be more information to share.

Mrs. Rodia asked if it would be possible to have someone from the State come to an informal Question and Answer session. Mrs. Mangini stated that Dr. Robinson will be serving on the ESSER Committee for the State of Connecticut. She asked Committee members to send their questions to the Administration. .

Adjournment: Hearing no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM. Motion: JC-Janice Cupee Seconded by: BD- Bob David - and carried.

SECRETARY APPROVAL:

(Signature & Date)

3.24.2021

