

Seymour Board of Education



FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 6, 2014
Bungay School
Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristen Harmeling, Chairman
Jennifer Magri
Yashu Putorti

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools (6:36 pm)
Rick Belden, Asst. Superintendent, Finance & Operations
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Eric Laurentus
Cathy Guerra

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Harmeling called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:33 p.m.

II. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

A. Information and Recommended Action

1. Review and recommendation to the full Board of Education to approve the Financial Management Summary ending September 30, 2014

Ms. Harmeling said we are looking at the first Financial Management Summary of the school year. Mr. Belden said the auditors will be in the district in two weeks and will probably start their work in Town Hall and then move to Central Office. They may or may not do the ED001 report at this time; it depends on the time they have to get everything done and whether the state desk audit is completed.. He indicated we have a couple of payrolls done and so far all is good. He is waiting for the tuition billings and when they are received he will update the line item. He noted that some new special education students transferred into the district over the summer. He said he would bring issues to the Committee's attention as things come up. Ms. Harmeling asked if the STEM classes' instructional supplies were more than expected since she thought money was set aside for this. Mr. Belden explained that the money has not yet been credited to that line item. Mrs. Syriac said Mrs. Hamad was aware that she would be using her instructional funds.

MOTION: (Ms. Magri/sec. Mr. Putorti) to recommend to the full Board of Education the approval of the Financial Management Summary ending September 30, 2014

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti

2. Manufacturing Alliance of Connecticut (MAC)

Mr. Belden explained that the 2010 agreement is coming to an end. He has been working with the town to get a deal on energy costs. The town already belongs to the Manufacturing Alliance of Connecticut. If the Board of Education joins, we can go in as a joint entity. This will benefit both the

town and the Board of Education and it will be a good impact on taxpayers. He noted that the rate would not be locked in until the contract is signed. The agreement will be for four years.

MOTION: (Ms. Magri/sec. Mr. Putorti) to recommend to the full Board the utilization of the Manufacturing Alliance of Connecticut (MAC) consortium, in conjunction with the Town of Seymour, and authorize the Superintendent to enter into a 48 month contract with Constellation Energy for electricity generation services effective October 8, 2014

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti

B. Reports

1. Chairman's Report

Ms. Harmeling encouraged the members of the Board of Education to think about different ways to express our budget to the public. She shared some handouts illustrating different ways other districts communicate their budget to the public. She said we did not have to do all of them but encouraged everyone to be creative and come up with new ways to communicate our budget this year.

2. Superintendent's Report

None

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Putorti) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk