



FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 19, 2012

Seymour Middle School

7:00 p.m.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Garofolo, Kristen Harmeling, Jen Magri, MaryAnne Mascolo, Rick Belden, Yashu Putorti, Peter Kubik (7:17 p.m.), Sandra Gesek (7:17 p.m.), Joe Perrucci, Mike Stock

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:14 p.m.

1. Review and Approve the Financial Management Summary for February, 2012

Mr. Belden reviewed the February, 2012 year to date financial management summary. He pointed out that the winter season was coming to a conclusion, and that a number of the variable accounts (heating oil, electricity, repairs and maintenance) were firming up. He would prepare a year end projection for the April meeting. He also pointed out that the technology funds were released for purchasing of budgeted technology items in Line 745. There was a brief discussion of the overall status of the various line items. The Special Education Excess Cost grant funds were expected to meet or exceed the budgeted amount, which would provide a surplus in the tuition accounts for use in other line items.

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Magri) to recommend to the full board the acceptance of the February 2012 year to date Financial Management Summary as presented

SO VOTED

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

2. Upgrade Phone System

Mr. Belden presented the recommendation to upgrade the existing Intertel Axxess phone system at the High School and Middle School to the Mitel 5000 system. All of the other schools and Central Office were upgraded to Mitel 5000 in 2008 - 2009, and this upgrade would place the entire District on a digital platform for the next three years. With the new WAN and use of PRI lines at all District locations, we would cut down the use of copper phone lines significantly and provide for future VOIP services. Mr. Garofolo questioned the need for waiver of bidding. Mr. Belden explained that the existing provider, Business Electronics, hold the master software license for the District and it made sense to continue with them in this "proprietary" manner.

Motion: (Mrs. Magri/sec., Mrs. Harmeling) to waive formal bidding and to award Business Electronics, Cheshire, CT with a three (3) year lease for upgrades at Seymour High School and Seymour Middle School to the Mitel 5000 system at an annual lease amount of \$27,344.67 and to authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Business Electronics per the proposal

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Magri, Ms. Harmeling

OPPOSED: Mr. Garofolo

Motion passed 2 to 1.

3. Chairman's Report

None

4. Superintendent's Report

None

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Magri) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by:
MaryAnne Mascolo