

Seymour Board of Education



FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 7, 2016

Seymour Middle School

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7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristen Harmeling

Jennifer Magri

Yashu Putorti

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools

Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent - Finance & Operations

Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

Rob Dyer, System Technology Coordinator

James Garofolo

Ed Strumello

Sam Pollastro

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Harmeling called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 p.m.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

III. **REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

A. Information and Recommended Action

1. Financial Management Summary ending February 26, 2016

MOTION: to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Financial Management Summary ending February 26, 2016 as presented

Mr. Belden reported that the budget has been presented to the Board of Finance. He is waiting on the RFP's regarding the health insurance. Secretaries' arbitration started last week. The Employee Benefits line item is currently over budget but he does not expect any additional increases so it will level out. The Infrastructure line item had some expenditures last month. We have been approved for the second round of the Technology Grant and once the funds are released, we will be able to draw the funds which will help with the Technology line item.

B. Reports

1. Chairman's Report

Ms. Harmeling talked about her experience presenting the budget information to the High School Student Council. She said the students were very interested and asked great questions and offered some very good ideas. She said she attended the Board of Finance on Thursday and found it to be extremely informative. The Board of Finance has decided to reduce the Board of Education Budget by the amount of the savings in health insurance. She said they kept the Special Education number the same. They were quite complimentary to the Board.

2. Superintendent's Report

None

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sam Pollastro, 11 Laurel Avenue, Derby, CT – Asked Ms. Harmeling if she was planning on doing her budget presentation at the Bungay School PTA meeting on April 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Ms. Harmeling thanked him for the invitation and said she would love to attend.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti/sec., Ms. Magri) to adjourn

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk

cc: Jim Garofolo
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Jennifer Magri
Yashu Putorti
Allison Sobieski
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