

Brookfield Board of Education
Finance Committee
Minutes - Regular Meeting, Monday, April 19, 2021

Members Present: Bob Belden and Rosa Fernandes. Also present were Superintendent Dr. John Barile, Business and Operations Director Ken Post, Accounting Supervisor Joan Reynolds, Town Controller Marcia Marien, and Town Treasurer John Lucas.

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 5:32PM by Mr. Belden

Public Comment: None

Board of Education Financial Reports

Check Registers: The committee reviewed the check registers and had no questions.

March Financial Report: The committee reviewed the March Financial report which showed a projected variance of \$115,912 over budget, primarily due to Covid related costs and Special Education Professional Services. This is an increase of \$7,957 from the deficit reported in February. The increase was primarily due to increases in Health Benefits, Professional Services, and Heating Oil. These were partially offset by additional savings identified in Salaries, and Regular and Special Education Transportation costs. The Committee discussed the year end closing process with regard to covering Covid costs.

Old Business:

2021-2022 Operating Budget: Mr. Post informed the committee that he had received the final renewal rates for health insurance that will result in additional savings of approximately \$101,000. The committee also reviewed the Administration's proposed budget reductions to arrive at the total approved by the Board of Finance.

New Business:

ESSER Grants: Dr. Barile reported that the ESSER II grant application had been submitted and certified. He also reported that he had been notified that the schools would receive approximately \$815,000 from the ESSER III grant, but he has not received any guidance and the application has not been made available yet.

WMS wall project: Mr. Post updated the committee on the status of the demolition and restoration of the brick veneer on the exterior wall of the gymnasium at Whisconier Middle School. The committee and Mrs. Marien discussed the options to pay for the project.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

None

Adjournment: 6:12PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth J. Post

Director of Business Operations