

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

9/14/2020

Called to Order 5:36pm

In attendance

**Steve Carr, Cherie Faulkner, Holly Whitmore, Susan Smith, Kelly Theriault, Ashley Allen
(left 5:50pm)**

Financials

- Workers comp encumbered for the year.
- Covid-19 Subs and Ed Techs moved to different (grant) lines.
- \$4,000 encumbered for legal counsel for the air quality bond in the contingency Line 523.

Nutrition

- Retro to Sept 1- Dec 30th: All kids automatically qualify for Free Breakfast & Lunch.
- All kids under 18 in the home are eligible.
- Reimbursement rate is about 78 cents higher than regular school lunch (USDA funded).
- Some communication about having to charge for milk when meals are free.
- Holden fridge is in and installed. Some small exterior dents and middle section/door issues - it will be replaced.

Audit

- Pre-Audit work is mostly done and going well. Seems to be moving forward well.
- A lot of Pre-Audit work done by another associate so we still have a 3rd party review.
- Susan Smith asked Kelly Theriault about the balance forward and transferring between cost centers.

Facilities

- Valley Home Services quoted cooling system for the Tech Room at just under \$3,000
 - \$5,000 in the budget.
 - Amount is below the required bid threshold.
 - Steve Carr disclosed this business is owned by a distant relative.
- SRF Bond - the Board will need to vote on 9/28.
 - Holly Whitmore will deliver ballots and warrant to towns (Absentee ballots by 10/2).
 - October 13th presentation/bond hearing.
 - We will need to pay for hand counted ballots.
 - \$2.6 million (the state will pay \$1.3).
 - New univents and controls for the heat, etc.

Transportation

- Van bids are in. 7 bids were received from 4 companies.
- Recommendation at tonight's board meeting.

- 2 lowest are from the same company, the same price & year, but mileage is a bit different. Jake/Keith will look at both and decide which is the best deal for RSU.
- Brewer has asked RSU to help with UTC transportation. The hours will be offset from what extra Pre-K hours would have been.
- Transportation capacity numbers have been well below the estimated numbers. At this time not worried about bus capacity with current “yellow” schedule.

Personnel

- Steve Sanborn is retiring from Eddington night custodian position
- Jacob Gould will be re-assigned from Holbrook nights to Eddington nights
- Gary Ferrill will be re-assigned from COVID long term sub to Holbrook nights
- Gary Ferrill’s COVID hours will be advertised/filled at 3.5 hours per day rather than 5 hours per day
- Caid Cummings is working as COVID custodian at Eddington
- Thomas Bennett hired as Long Term COVID sub at Holden

Other

- Eddington Life Skills program now has 4 students

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:00pm

Adjourn

6:13pm