



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024
8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Michele Mencer, Chair
Dr. Camille Cerciello, Ellen De Pinto, Justina Ryan

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent
Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary
Don Race, Facilities Manager

- 1. Solar Expansion / Evaluation Process:** No proposals were received during the bid opening. Vendors highlighted prohibitive factors including construction/inflation costs for ancillary items and newer state law capping at the utility rate. The Solar Ad Hoc committee will review options including revision of bid specifications, shifting to a state contract / min-bid process or discontinuation of the project. Construction will not occur this summer due to lead times. If the project proceeds, it will likely occur in summer 2025.
- 2. 2023-24 Late Spring Projects:** Several projects have been requested and included funded projects in the 2023-2024 budget (baseball field, custodial office relocation, signage, concrete repairs, fencing, SMARTboard relocations, security enhancements) and others not currently budgeted (e.g. headsets for play/performances, softball fields, etc) but are being completed with surplus. The committee requested further information about the future of preschool expansion and what options could be considered as the program grows.
- 3. Summer 2024 Capital Projects:** Several projects are planned for summer 2024 including RMS Main office improvements, RMS LED classroom lighting, IT enhancements, security enhancements and private preschool classroom enhancements. Plans are underway to communicate the RMS main office project to families before September.
- 4. Health / Dental Insurance Renewals 2024-25 School Year:** Communications with Union leadership and Staff have been completed on the upcoming insurance revisions. Additional Q&A sessions are planned to facilitate understanding of the changes. On April 30th, the topic will appear on the BOE agenda which aligns with the deadline to submit the final resolutions.
- 5. Budget Update:** The budget was discussed and no revisions were proposed. The budget will be reviewed at the April 16th BOE meeting and voting is scheduled for April 30th. A communication to inform the township residents will be planned.
- 6. Finance Agenda Items / Bill List -** Additional items were discussed including the Apple Coop, the YMCA Contract, E-rate (federal funding into the school district for internet), construction vendor resolutions (various), preschool private provider contracts for 2024-2025, health and dental resolutions and Maschio's food service contract renewal.
- 7. Next meeting is planned for:** May 10 at 8:30 a.m. and July 18th at 9:30 a.m.