



Minutes
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Avon Board of Education
34 Simsbury, Avon, Connecticut 06001
Via Zoom
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Attendance

Members Present: Lynn Katz, Committee Chair; Deb Chute; Jeffrey S. Fleischman; Laura Young, Thej Singh

Member(s) Absent: none

Administration Present: Dr. Bridget H. Carnemolla, Superintendent; Jess Giannini, Assistant Superintendent; Susan Russo, Business Manager

Others Present: Christine Sardinkas, Board Recording Secretary

- I. Call to order
The meeting was called to order by Lynn Katz, at 5:30 pm.

- II. Approval of December 13, 2022 Minutes
Deb Chute moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Finance Committee meeting, Laura Young seconded.
The motion passed 4-0-0.

- III. Financial Report February 2023
 - Ms. Russo explained that we ended the month a little over 4 million unencumbered, on track with last year which was at 3.9M. There has been a pause on spending, which maintains the balance to move forward for the rest of the year.
 - Salaries were discussed re: leaves and resignations, hiring at a lower salary.
 - Avon is starting to see the rise in utilities that was anticipated. Rate increase started in January.
 - Repairs were needed in some buildings; some funds were moved around to accommodate for each repair needed at the schools. Each month one building may have more repairs than another, so funds are moved around to accommodate repairs at each school as needed.
 - Special Education 1.4 million unencumbered, a few more student needs required additional services/transportation.

A question was posed about natural gas, and if rates were offset by the warmth of the season. New bills have not come in so Ms. Russo was unable to answer, but when they come in she will see if there was a savings due to the unusually warm winter.

IV. Transfers

Ms. Russo provided information on the following transfers:

- 2023-032 - \$4,500 for Fees and Memberships
- 2023-033 - \$2,58 for Instructional Supplies/Instruction/RBS
- 2023-034 - \$200.00 for Contracted/SBCs/Student Activities/RBS
- 2023-035 - \$4,000 for Repairs and Services/Main/Plant Operations/DW
- 2023-036 - \$2,250 for Repairs and Services/Main/Plant Operations/RBS
- 2023-037 - \$1,000 for Repairs & Sacs/Main/Plant Operations/PGS
- 2023-038 - \$400 for Textbooks/Language Arts/TBS
- 2023-039 - \$600 for Other School Supplies/RBS
- 2023-040 - \$4,500 for Athletic Supplies
- 2023-041 - \$79,978.39 for Maintenance/Plant Operations
- 2023-042 - \$140,278.44 for Salaries

Jeffrey S. Fleischman moved to approve and move to the full Board the budget transfers as presented, Laura Young seconded.

Motion passed 4-0-0.

V. New Business

A. Donation Letters:

- Donation of \$1,047.37 to Avon High School from West Avon Congregational Church to be split equally between the GSA and Voices for Equity student clubs.
- Donation of \$510.50 to Thompson Brook School by the PTO for the Outreach Program.

Jeffrey S. Fleischman moved to approve and move to the full Board the donations as presented, Laura Young seconded.

Motion passed 4-0-0.

VI. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

VII. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

VIII. Adjournment

The Finance Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:47 pm.

Minutes prepared by Christine Sardinkas, Recording Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Katz, Finance Committee Chair

Lynn Katz, February 9, 2023

Minutes respectfully received by Jeffrey S. Fleischman, Board Secretary

Jeffrey S. Fleischman, February 9, 2023

Minutes are approved at the next Finance Committee meeting, and any corrections to the minutes, if needed, will be made at that time.