



Minutes
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Avon Board of Education 34 Simsbury, Avon, Connecticut 06001
Via Zoom
Tuesday, June 7, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.

Attendance

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

Member(s) Absent: none

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

Others Present: Anthony Cabrera, Acting Board Recording Secretary

- I. Call to order
The meeting was called to order by Lynn Katz, at 5:00 pm.
- II. Approval of December 13, 2022 Minutes
Ms. Deb Chute moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 Finance Committee meeting, Ms. Laura Young seconded.
The motion passed 4-0-0.
- III. Financial Report (end of)May 2023 Ms. Russo explained the Financial Highlights-
 - Certified staff salaries saw very little movement
 - In other expenses, we were stable in utilities
 - Repairs and maintenance saw a negative balance as we held off some minor repairs with the spending freeze, we now have encumbered some of those repairs and maintenance expenses.
 - Special Education is at 1.2M unencumbered.
 - General Fund is at 2.1M unencumbered or 3.36%, which is slightly lower than where we were last year at 2.2M or 3.57%.*Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman motioned to have the Financial Report moved to the Full Board, Ms. Deb Chute seconded.*
Motion Passed 4-0-0
- IV. New Business
Donation Letter for AMS Mascot:
Ms. Deb Chute motioned to approve and move to the full Board the donation as presented, Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman seconded.
Motion passed 4-0-0.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Open Choice Supplemental Appropriation
Ms. Russo began by reminding the Board that last year we received \$6,000/Open Choice Student, grades 1-12, this year it was elevated to \$8,000/student because our enrollment is greater than 3% of Open Choice Students, as well as an additional entitlement of \$21,748 for having at least 10 students in a single school. For grades PreK and Kdg, Avon receives \$6,500/student as well. In total, the supplemental appropriation totaling \$356,748 will be requested from the Town of Avon.

The money received from the Open Choice funds will go to textbooks, decodable books, unit books, Chromebooks and BenQ Board purchases to name a few. A question was raised on when Avon Schools will see the money from the town, and Ms. Russo said it will be on the Town Agenda for July. Another question was raised about when these purchases would be made, and Ms. Russo said all will be made by June 30th.

Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman moved to bring the Supplemental Appropriation of Open Choice Tuition to the full board for approval, Ms. Laura Young seconded.

Motion passed 4-0-0

B. Fiscal Year End 2022-2023

Ms. Russo went on to summarize the financial situation of APS for the year end. The year end savings is anticipated to be \$706,000, even though there were some deficits in repairs and maintenance, we saw large savings in benefits, out of district tuition and textbooks.

Ms. Russo stated that the money above that was saved will be utilized for OPEB, instructional supplies, furniture, Equipment (security, tables, bulletin boards, science equipment, technology), and repairs and maintenance. Ms. Russo said they will pre-purchase as many supplies as possible while we have the savings.

A Board member asked about the Tennis court repairs and Ms. Russo replied that we are fixing it for now to make it usable, but it is on the Capitol fund list to be permanently fixed in near future.

Ms. Deb Chute moved to have the End of Fiscal Year Fund Allocation moved to the full board for approval, Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman 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

at 5:30 Ms. Laura Young moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Deb Chute seconded
Motion passed 4-0-0

Minutes prepared by Christine Sardinkas, Recording Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Katz, Finance Committee Chair

Minutes respectfully received by Jeffrey S. Fleischman, Board Secretary

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