

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023
Via Zoom Meeting

PRESENT

John Paul Garcia
Amy Lestinsky
Chris Pittenger, Chair arrived at 5:32 pm

OTHERS PRESENT

Kai Byrd
Brandy Spargo

ABSENT

Shawn Uscilla

Call to Order

Mrs. Lestinsky called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Minutes

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Lestinsky to accept the December 13, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. *The motion carries 2 yes, 2 absent (Pittenger, Uscilla).*

New Business

Mrs. Spargo reviewed the December Operating Budget Summary.

Motion by Pittenger, seconded by Garcia to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2022-2023 final Operating Budget for the month of December 2022 as presented and forward to the Board of Education. *The motion carries 3 yes, 1 absent (Uscilla).*

Mrs. Byrd reported that all ARP/ESSER III projects are on track and within budget.

Mrs. Spargo stated the audit is not complete and the Town has filed for a 30-day extension. The town still has a few items that need to be cleaned up in order for the auditor to finish. There shouldn't be anything further for the BOE side of things. The auditor has reviewed our EFS state report and has submitted his final letter of review to the state, with no exceptions. The auditor is pleased with the BOE's recordkeeping and the ongoing changes we continue to make to streamline our processes and procedures for cleaner recordkeeping.

Mrs. Byrd presented her proposed superintendent's spending plan for feedback in advance of the presentation to the entire BOE on January 11, 2023. The budget presentation represents the journey we have taken to bring us from a status quo of 4.49% to a proposed budget of 3.73%. All staff, benefits, departments, grant offsets, and current insurance information have been calculated to this point. Mrs. Byrd will share the budget presentation which will explain the rationale for the requested budget. We are anticipating an additional decrease for insurance but we won't have final renewal numbers until mid-February to early March. As in the past, we will modify the budget at that time if necessary.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Future Agenda Items

- Approval of the January 9, 2023 minutes
- January 2023 Operating Budget Summaries
- ARP/ESSER
- Audit

Kai Byrd
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Recorder

APPROVED