

GARDNER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

70 Waterford Street, Gardner, MA 01440

Finance Sub-Committee Meeting

Monday, February 1st, 2021

Zoom meeting at 12:30pm

Minutes

Members Present: Mr. LaFreniere (Chair), Ms. Pelavin (zoom), Mr. Swartz

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ms. Yu (Business Administrator)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm by Ms. Pelavin, the acting Chair.

Approval of the meeting minutes for January 11th, 2021

Mr. Swartz motioned and Mr. LaFreniere seconded, and the meeting minutes was approved unanimously.

The Committee went over the Finance packet for the month of January. Ms. Yu answered the questions. Mr. Swartz wants to know more about a couple of State grants #222 and #423, and Ms. Yu will email the Committee after research. Ms. Pelavin has question regarding one transfer. Ms. Yu will get back to the Committee shortly.

There are still constant changes on Transportation, both for regular Ed and for Special Ed. NRT has been working closely with us to resolve all the issues. Ms. Yu is working on the Special Ed in-district and out of district transportation agreement with NRT/Vanpool, City Purchasing Department and the Special Ed office. Ms. Yu reached out to the Transportation Coordinator at Fitchburg Public Schools for a sample copy of their transportation agreement with NRT/Vanpool. Once Ms. Yu receive the document from Fitchburg, she will update the Committee. The Food Services staff have worked very hard to boost participation of the breakfast and lunch programs. They will keep the High School pick up and meal van delivery services.

Ms. Yu gave an update of governor's FY22 Chapter 70 aid, and the ESSER 2 Federal grant. Ms. Yu is working on consolidating all the budget worksheets received from the school Principals and Directors. February budget meetings are scheduled.

The next FinCom meeting will be held on Monday, March 1st, 2021 at 12:30pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Swartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaFreniere to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:59pm.