

GARDNER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

70 Waterford Street, Gardner, MA 01440
Finance Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 5:00pm

Minutes

Members Present: Mrs. Pelavin, Mr. Swartz. Mr. LaFreniere

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mr. Mark Hawke, Director of Finance & Operations

Mr. LaFreniere called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Swartz and seconded by Mrs. Pelavin to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 Finance Subcommittee meeting. So voted.

Expense Report Review:

The Committee reviewed the Expense Report. Mr. Hawke noted the following:

At all schools the sub lines are starting to hit the negatives. This will be made up from available funds at the end of the year.

The District is showing a large negative in Out Of District (OOD) as we had a few new students come into the district. This budget number is doubling next fiscal year. Prof Services is showing negative and is a timing issue. SPED Legal is still negative and will be made up at the end of the year. Gas (heat) is a timing issue and Gasoline is due to the usage. Finally, plowing and sanding did go over budget this year and will be made up at the end of the year.

Other questions were posed and answered.

Projects Update:

Watkins Field concession/restroom work is almost complete. We are waiting for the asphalt plants to open in order to pave. There is also one electrical panel that was ordered over a year ago and still hasn't arrived. We are hoping everything can wrap up around the end of the month.

The GHS/GMS grass fields and ball fields will undergo a second year of treatment by Shrewsbury Landscapes to ensure all of the work to grow the grass is successful.

GHS will be receiving a new sawdust collection system in the woodshop. The system should be installed in July.

New Business:

Declaration of surplus property:

A motion was made by Mrs. Pelavin and seconded by Mr. Swartz to declare the six (6) tables in the woodshop surplus as well as the twenty-six student computer/drafting desks and workstations and 50 metal/ceramic/plastic chairs and stools surplus to the districts needs (see attachment). A grant was received to replace most of this equipment. So voted.

Budget Sheets:

The committee reviewed the FY24 Budget sheets. Questions were posed and answered. Mr. Hawke will forward detailed information for some curriculum lines at GES to the committee.

The next meeting will be May 2, 2023 at 5pm at Elm Street School.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.