

Finance Subcommittee Meeting – Draft Minutes

April 21, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Central Services/Google Meet

Attendance:

Jenny Emery	Present	Jordan Grossman	Present
Mark Fiorentino	Absent	Anna Robbins	Present
Melissa Migliaccio	Present		
Sarah Thrall	Present		

Meeting commenced at 5:02 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

1. Public Comment: None

2. Approve Minutes from the Finance Subcommittee Meeting on March 17, 2021: Melissa moved, and Jenny seconded approval. Passed unanimously.

3. March Statement of Accounts: Anna discussed the accounts through March. Through the closing of purchase orders, loss of one part-time custodian position, and changed in special ed requirements, the overall picture is now positive. Some of the improvement was offset by increased cost estimates related to nursing services (contact tracing, etc.) and sub statute teachers (also Covid-related). Of note is the \$134k of grant money that was awarded for expenses incurred prior to July 1, 2020, and therefore is accounted for as new revenue to the Town. Expectations are for the bottom line to continue to improve through year end.

4. Year-End Assessments: Administration has created a prioritized list of items that need to get addressed, for us to consider once the year-end picture is clear. This will be further discussed as the next two months unfold.

5. Food Service Update: The East Granby program is going well, with the result that revenue (from the federal government) is outpacing expenses significantly, with the potential to reduce or even eliminate the \$25k deficit currently forecast for 2020-21. The Federal SSO program is being continued through the full 2021-22 school year, so discussions to continue the service to east Granby are underway.

The Sodexo dispute continues unresolved, with legal expenses accruing. Sodexo has so far failed to provide required evidence to document their claim. Jordan expects to bring us a recommendation by the next meeting.

6. Building Committee Update & Educational Specifications: The state-required “Ed Specs” process was explained and discussed, as it relates to Granby’s Building Committee, and the BOS and BOE. Formal approval of the Ed Specs by the BOE is required to continue the process of qualifying for state grants for qualified construction. The state is actively engaged and has even asked to potentially accelerate the High School roof project. The consensus of the committee was to recommend approval by the BOE.

7. Healthy Food Certification: Anna reported that nothing has changed in this program, so the committee endorsed its presentation to the BOE at a subsequent meeting, for approval for the 2021-22 school year.

8. Other: N/a

With no other business, Melissa moved and Jenny seconded adjournment at 6:34 p.m.