

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, in the Board of Education Conference Room, 47 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Liz Nord.

PRESENT Liz Nord, Chair, Jen Dzen, Miriam Underwood

ABSENT Steve Viens

ALSO PRESENT Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations
Mr. Anderson Rawlins, Director of Athletics and Wellness

MOTION First: L. Nord
Second: J. Dzen
To take items out of order, moving the Executive Session to item five.
Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

2022-2023 Update

Mr. Greenleaf shared an update regarding the 22-23 budget balance, stating that it continues to be a tight year. The administration is looking at potential one time strategies (such as use of the Unexpended Funds Account), to balance the budget.

Medical/Dental Insurance Update

Mr. Greenleaf shared an update regarding the Medical/Dental Insurance. The district has increased rates for the 2023-2024 school year by 5.5%, lower than both Anthem and Brown and Brown recommendations. Mr. Greenleaf feels comfortable with what will be raised in revenue based on internal projections.

Pay-to-Participate Fees

Mr. Greenleaf discussed the high school pay-to-participate fees for student-athletes. The district increased the prior to the pandemic and held them flat for three years. However, the costs of transportation have outpaced the revenue generated by the fees. The members felt a two-stage increase in the fee, to \$125 in 2023-2024 and \$150 in 2024-2025 would be appropriate. The family cap will decrease from 5 sports to 4 during that same time, so families with multiple sports athletes will not have the full burden of the increase.

Pre-Kindergarten Fees

Mr. Greenleaf discussed the Pre-K fees including an increase for the 23-24 school year. These fees were on a three-year timetable. They are still well below market rate and there is a lottery system/waitlist every year.

Anticipated Executive Session - Unaffiliated Salary

MOTION First: L. Nord
Second: J. Dzen
To enter into Executive Session for purposes of discussing unaffiliated salaries and to invite Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations into the session.
Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION First: J. Dzen
Second: M. Underwood
To adjourn the meeting of the Finance Committee (6:30 p.m.)
Motion carried unanimously.