

Regional School District 13
Board of Education
Finance Committee
Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Committee members present: Mary Jane Parsons, Bob Fulton, Jeremy Renninghoff, Joe Ochterski.

Administrators present: Mrs. Viccaro, Mr. Melnik, Mrs. Emory

Other Board members present: Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Fronc, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Boyle

Mr. Fulton called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m in the conference room at the Frank Ward Strong School.

Public comment: There was no public comment. Members of the public were present.

Approval of agenda: *A motion was made by Ms. Parsons, seconded by Dr. Ochterski to approve the agenda. By a voice vote with all in favor, the motion passed.*

Approval of minutes: *A motion was made by Ms. Parsons, seconded by Dr. Ochterski to approve the minutes of the meeting 6th March 2013. By a voice vote with all in favor, the motion passed.*

Next meeting: 5:30 PM, 20th March in this location.

Budget discussion: Rich Fielding is out ill today, therefore the IT presentation will be next week. Amy Emory presented a document with answers to the questions posed by Mr. Fulton re: Special Education. There was discussion about MTA and the revenue it provides to the General Fund. Several school districts are looking into using MTA, which would increase its revenue. Last SY 12.9% of our students had disabilities in the Special Ed realm. This year there are 292 students and the number is expected to increase by 15 to 18 students. There is a steep increase in out-placement tuition because of DCF placements. Review was also done of the ABA therapists, SLPs, social workers, and psychologists, and their caseloads.

Mrs. Adams arrived at 6:22.

Enrollment: Mrs. Viccaro presented new enrollment data as of yesterday. Mr. Fulton was troubled by the dramatic decrease in enrollment over the last few years (160 students) and the same headcount is being maintained. Based on these numbers he suggested cutting 8 positions.

A trend analysis done by Blum/Shapiro was presented, showing expenditures in major functional areas over the last 3 years. The purpose is to give the Board a high-level view of where the money has been going.

A motion was made by Mr. Renninghoff, seconded by Dr. Ochterski to adjourn. By a voice vote with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Jeremy Renninghoff