

Regional School District 13
Board of Education
Finance Committee
Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, March 20, 2013

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

Administrators present: Mrs. Viccaro, Mr. Melnik, Mrs. Emory, Mrs. Heckler, Mr. Fielding, Mr. Francis, Dr. Berry

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

Mr. Fulton called the meeting to order at 5:32 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 Mr. Renninghoff, seconded by Ms. Parsons to approve the agenda. By a voice vote with all in favor, the motion passed.*

Approval of minutes: *Approval of the minutes were tabled.*

Next meeting: 5:30 PM, 27^h March in this location.

Budget discussion: IT- Rich Fielding presented a list of purchases totaling \$340K to be financed by a new lease. He plans to replace network switches that are pushing 10 years old and to be able to increase bandwidth as traffic increases from use of smartphones and portable devices. He reviewed the computer lab replacement schedule and plans to replace three labs next year using PCs. There was discussion of the new IT position being proposed and what benefit it will offer compared to currently using a vendor. Questions were asked about the proposal to purchase over 200 tablets and storage/charging carts. There was a feeling that if we purchase tablets, then we can't be replacing labs, or should even discontinue some of them and turn them into classrooms.

Mrs. Adams arrived at 5:35. Mrs. Buckheit arrived at 5:48.

Physical plant- Rob Francis produced a history of budget vs. actual spending in all his major accounts (supplies, repairs, vehicles, electricity, fuel oil, propane, etc.) He proposed a decrease in his total budget (exclusive of payroll) for FY 14.

Curriculum- Linda Berry went through an overview of her budget. Many increases are expected to effectuate the implementation of Common Core. Mrs. Buckheit noted disparities between Integrated Day and Contemporary professional development budgets.

A motion was made by Mr. Renninghoff, seconded by Mrs. Fronc to adjourn. By a voice vote with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Jeremy Renninghoff