

Regional School District 13
Board of Education
Finance Committee
Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, September 26, 2012

Committee members present: Mary Jane Parsons, Bob Fulton, and Jeremy Renninghoff.
Administrators present: Mrs. Viccaro, Mrs. Mangini, Mr. Fielding
Other board members present: Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Boyle

Mr. Fulton called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m in the conference room at the Board office.

Public comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of agenda: *A motion was made by Ms. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Renninghoff 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 Mr. Renninghoff to approve the minutes of the meeting 12th September. By a voice vote with all in favor, the motion passed.*

Business manager update: Mrs. Mangini's last day will be 19th October.

IT backup software proposal: Mr. Fielding explained the current workflow for backing-up our servers, which is very time-consuming and the software is no longer supported. He would like to move to Dell AppAssure. We have been working with a new IT vendor (AOS) for a few months, at lower hourly cost. The savings from that plus USF e-Rate funds will be used to pay for the software. There is a one-time set-up fee plus annual license fees for five servers. The total cost for the first year is \$13,544. Since the proposal does not meet the criteria under the Board's contract policy requiring a vote, no vote was taken. Mrs. Mangini wanted to bring the proposal to the Committee to make sure we were ok with it, which we were.

Modular classrooms lease: Mrs. Mangini presented the proposal from ModSpace, for which she recommended adoption. We own the buildings but are financing the remaining balance. The interest rate is not much different from a bank note, though it was reported previously that the ModSpace interest rate was higher.

*A motion was made by Mr. Renninghoff, seconded by Ms. Parsons to recommend the Board approve the **financing** for a period of 42 months, subject to no disapproval of any pre-payment penalties by a member of this Committee, and after review of the financing documents. By a voice vote with all in favor, the motion passed.*

Building utilization study: Mr. Fulton talked to Fletcher-Thompson, an architectural firm in Shelton, which conducts such studies, to get an idea of cost and scope. There was discussion of which committee (finance, communications, buildings & grounds, a new

committee, or several) will handle drafting an RFP.

Field house funding: Not much to discuss right now. Mrs. Boyle asked about soliciting donations.

Student activity fees: A decision about repealing or modifying the fees might come down to a philosophical decision.

Pension committee: A few names of potential members were floated. Mr. Fulton will contact those people.

A motion was made by Mr. Renninghoff, seconded by Mr. Fulton to adjourn. By a voice vote with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Jeremy Renninghoff