

Winchester Board of Education

Type of Meeting: Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 @ 8:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall – Blue Room

Meeting Facilitator: Doug Pfenninger

Committee Members: Cheryl McGlynn, Kristin Peterson, Alexandra Propfe, Tara Sundie, Richard Dutton, Doug Pfenninger, Alexandra Propfe, Michelle Hintz, and Shana DeVaux

Invitees: Melony Brady-Shanley and Nancy O’Dea-Wyrick

Quorum: 5

I. Call to order at 7:43 pm.

II. Roll call

Doug Pfenninger, Cheryl McGlynn, Kristin Peterson, Alexandra Propfe, Tara Sundie, Richard Dutton, Michelle Hintz, Nora Mocarski

III. Agenda Review

- a) Review of Finance Committee Agenda – October 26, 2021
None.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting – March 23, 2021
MOTION to approve the minutes of March 23, 2021
First: M. Hintz, Second: C. McGlynn → U.

V. New Business

- a) Share Silver Petrucelli HVAC Pearson Report Info and next steps

This is an informational discussion/report. This is not an action item.

A community survey came back that identified HVAC as a focus for the use of ARP and ESSER II funding.

Silver Petrucelli was asked to provide us with a study for costs related to a solid HVAC system.

The study found most HVAC equipment is fair to poor

The vast majority of existing heading-only, HVAC equipment is at or beyond useful life service

The recommendation is the wholesale replacement of existing equipment for code and energy efficiency

Option #1 - remove and install a new state of the art VRF system - 6.8 million

Option #2 - Install RTU with natural gas heating and refrigerant cooling - 9.1 million

Option #3 - create a “chiller plant” - 9.8 million

Financing details of Option #1. We can show how we’ve prepared for such a purchase without impacting taxpayers at all.

Three different entities would oversee these funds for this project:

- 1) \$4,793,250 from School Construction reimbursement Grant (70%).
- 2) \$1,287,796 from ARP Grant - already approved. To be spent by 9/30/2024
- 3) \$254,584 ESSER II grants to be spent by 9/30/2023
- 4) \$511,870 Non-lapsing fund

We would like to see a more detailed study of other options. There might be more willing to invest in something that might last longer (ie. perhaps Option 2).

We would like to explore solar.

Does this need a Building Committee? This is a “project,” so we are not sure there has to be a Building Committee. MBS will look into this question.

The roof is also old. The strength and condition of the roof has to be assessed as well.

We need more information from Silver Petrucelli

Note that some of these monies have a window to spend.

VI. Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn at 8:03 pm

First: C. McGlynn, Second: K. Peterson → U.

Minutes submitted by N. Mocarski, BOE Secretary.