

Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education
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Monday, July 27, 2015

Start: 5:00 pm End: 5:51 pm

In attendance were: Committee members Mike Devine, Janet Morgan, John Chapman; also, Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Wayne McAllister, Charles Cosgriff, Maryanne Van Aken, Carol Ann Brown, and BoE clerk Deb Carlton

Mr. McAllister reviewed the 2014-2015 close-out, but will not recommend transfers until September due to outstanding purchase orders.

He has enlisted Bloom and Shapiro to put together a formula to calculate costs of the Agriscience program. He also reviewed an update from the State on Agriscience funding which included the notion of grant allocations to match those of charter schools. Discussion followed regarding state reimbursement.

Mr. McAllister also provided information about chromebooks, including the intention to approve a master lease at the next board meeting at 0% for 4 years.

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard displayed one of the chromebooks and explained the basic apps that will be available to students to start with, adding that Mike Rafferty will be developing and finding apps to roll out to certain grade levels. For the first month of use, students will be shown how to use them, they'll be kept at school, and will be sent home probably around 10/1.

Staff were trained on the use of the chromebooks at the end of June, and about 75% took part in that. The remaining teachers will be trained before school starts, Mr. McAllister said.

The need for a new Acceptable Use Policy was discussed.

Tech open houses will also be planned to inform parents on the use of the chromebooks.

Ms. Morgan entered a motion to approve the master lease for the chromebooks, for \$632,000 total, with a 4 year phase in. Seconded by Mr. Chapman, the motion carried 3-0, and will be brought to the Board in August.

Mr. McAllister provided information about background check verification, and there was agreement to allow the town agencies, such as Park and Rec, to pay \$3 per application to have their volunteers checked.

Mr. McAllister also showed correspondence from Manuel Gomes from the Town of Woodbury, asking for cash flow adjustments until such time as Woodbury could get the town budget passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Devine

Michael Devine, Chair