

RSU #38 Facilities/Transportation Committee
January 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Present: David Guillemette, Rebecca Lambert , Betty Morrell , Shaun Drinkwater, Kelly Thompson, Jay Charette, Mandy Fitzgerald

Absent:

1) Transportation Update/ Budget - Kelly Thompson

Staffing

- a) Mrs. Thompson gave an update on staffing challenges. Budgeted 18 drivers currently 14 drivers which translates to 14 student runs morning and afternoon.
- b) Mechanic has been filling in on runs when drivers are absent
- c) No spares means that we have no capacity for during the regular day activities. Earliest teams can leave is 4:00 pm due to prioritizing regular day student runs. Coaches and parents are assisting on transportation during the regular school hours. Nordic coach has been able to drive own team as fully certified CDL license.

Budget

- d) Mrs. Thompson reviewed her budget requests including driver training/recruitment, updated radios, increasing 2 positions to 40 hours, technology, and required testing - more information to be presented during budget process.

2) Maintenance Update/Budget - Shaun Drinkwater

Staffing

- a) Congratulations to Curt Williams on his retirement after 31 years at Manchester Elementary school effective Friday, Jan 28, 2022 .
- b) We were down 3 staff but have returned to full capacity. See next item.
- c) Staffing has been difficult - we have hired two students who are doing nice work. Hiring was contingent on maintaining grades. We follow all labor laws. Students are 17 years of age or older.

Budget

- d) Mr. Drinkwater reviewed his budget request that potentially might be covered with remaining bond funds. He will work with Mr. Charette to bring a proposal forward to the next meeting.
- e) Also is bringing forward an expanded position from 6 month to 12 month and a 2nd maintenance position. More information to be presented during the budget process.

3) Mr. Charette reviewed the remaining bond balance. Money must be spent before September 2022. Mr. Charette and Mr. Drinkwater will review his budget to see what projects meet requirements and bring forth a proposal at the next regular meeting.

- 4) ESSER Funding
 - a) Mr. Charette reviewed covid funds.
 - i) CRF #1 and CRF 2 completely spend and invoiced.
 - ii) ESSERF 1 - will be completely expended at the end of the school year. (Paid for nurse in MTVES and WES - question will the position be added to regular budget.)
 - iii) ESSERF 2 - remaining funds for one more year of full time literacy and math interventions. All funds must be spent by the end of the school year 2023.
 - iv) ESSERF 3 - all approved. Working on projects good through the school year 2024. Question - Covid Nurse, Technology Ed Tech, and Elementary Guidance paid for 1 year - will the board support the positions going forward into next school year?
- 5) Revision Energy - Discussion among committee. Would like to leave the door open to revisit in the future once other priorities are addressed. Mr. Charette will communicate with Tina Meserve of Revision Energy with the message.
- 6) Woodlot Discussion - Mr. Drinkwater explained the need to “thin” our forest around the Maranacook Campus. Has gotten a proposal from a company. Mr. Charette will share the complete proposal with the board for review and will schedule a brief February Meeting (tentatively Feb. 7th at 6:00 pm) to make a decision on the proposal before bringing it to the full board.
- 7) Other - no other items brought forth
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.