

BARRINGTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 220**Minutes of a Finance Committee Meeting****December 1, 2020****Members Present**

Leah Collister-Lazzari and Gavin Newman

Location

Barrington Middle School - Station Campus, 215 Eastern Ave., Barrington, Illinois 60010

1. DECEMBER 1, 2020 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - AGENDA

2. OPEN SESSION

2.01 Roll Call

2.02 Call Meeting to Order at 4:01 p.m.

2.03 Public Comment

No public comment.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

3.01 Approval of Finance Committee Minutes from November 4, 2020

The Finance Committee members approved the minutes from the November 4, 2020 Finance Committee meeting.

3.02 2021-2022 Kindergarten Enrichment Fees

Assistant Superintendents David Bein and Craig Winkelman discussed a proposal to adjust the kindergarten enrichment fee for the 2021-2022 school year. The concept of adjusting the fees annually utilizing the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to determine the fee adjustment was discussed by the Board in the 2018-2019 school year and applied to the 2019-2020 fees. The current fee for the kindergarten enrichment program is \$3,640. By adjusting the fee by CPI (2.3%), the fee for the 2021-2022 school year would be \$3,724. This is an increase of \$84. Craig stated that the additional \$84 could be added to the deposit that parents submit at the time of registration, keeping the monthly fee at \$350, as it would have been this year. Due to the pandemic, the district was not able to run the 2020-2021 enrichment program and, therefore, did not charge the \$350 monthly fee. If things remain the same for 2021-2022, we will follow the same path. Dr. Harris stated that although the 2021-2022 school year is uncertain at this time, the district needs to prepare for it in hopes that things will be back to normal by then. The community needs to know what the 2021-2022 school fees are going to be. The committee did not come to a consensus regarding kindergarten enrichment fees, therefore, this item will be brought to the full Board for discussion on December 15, 2020.

3.03 2021 Summer School Fees

Dave stated that this is the normal time of year that the administration would bring summer school fees to the Finance Committee. The administration recommends that summer school fees will remain \$4 per hour per academic course, and camps are charged a fee of \$6 per contact hour. He also stated that compensation levels for staff teaching summer school remains flat. Heath McFaul, Associate Principal at Barrington High School, stated that the summer school program is now being finalized for the summer of 2021 and will be similar to the summer of 2020. The program remains very fluid at this point. It may be in-person, it may be remote, or it may be some combination of both, depending on how things progress with the pandemic. Heath stated that for several years, expenses for summer school have consistently exceeded revenue. The district takes this loss into consideration every year during the budgeting process to ensure that free and reduced students have access to the summer programs. After some discussion, it was decided that the 2021 summer school fees will be a discussion item at the Board's December 15 meeting and an action item at the January 12 meeting.

3.04 Registration and Technology Fees

Dave stated that the Finance Committee expressed an interest in talking about these fees sooner rather than later. Sarah Lager, Director of Fiscal Services, and her team pulled together the information that was requested and shared it with the committee. She stated that the numbers are based on what is in the budget. General fees support the operation of education programming, including expenses for technology, student ID cards, middle and high school year books, textbooks, instructional materials, free admittance to athletic and co-curricular events, and other daily classroom expenses. Gavin asked if there has been any progress made to refund fees due to the pandemic. Dave stated that this topic will be explored again in January. Dr. Harris stated that situations where families are unable to pay fees has tripled this year. 2020-2021 registration and technology fees will be a discussion item at the January 12 Board of Education meeting.

Information: 3.05 YTD Expenses vs. Budget

Sara Lager, Director of Fiscal Services, updated the committee on spending and revenues to date. She stated that the information remains very similar to when it was presented at the last Finance Committee meeting. Sarah reported that spending has been lighter in several areas due to distance learning, including salaries, subs, extra duty, stipends, transportation, refs and judges/tournament expenses, textbooks/curriculum materials, and a few other miscellaneous areas. Dr. Harris explained that the district did not budget for the CARES Act money that was received by Lake County or for the FEMA money that was received. Dave updated the Board on the situation with the bus company and food service companies and how they are being utilized at this time. Gavin asked if the administration has explored the possibility of cutting any routes to ease transportation costs. Dave stated that he has looked at possibilities and has not seen any at this time.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Information: 4.01 Closed Session - For the purpose of discussing: Employment matters, performance of a specific employee, collective negotiating matters, legal matters, security procedures, student disciplinary matters, and the purchase, lease or sale price of real property.
No closed session required.

5. ADJOURN

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.