

GARDNER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

70 Waterford Street, Gardner, MA 01440
Finance Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:00pm

Minutes

Members Present: Mrs. Pelavin, Mr. Swartz. Mr. LaFreniere

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mr. Mark Hawke, Director of Finance & Operations

Mr. LaFreniere called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Swartz and seconded by Mrs. Pelavin to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2022 Finance Subcommittee meeting. So voted.

Expense Report Review:

The Committee reviewed the Expense Report. Mr. Hawke noted the following:

GHS

13110-51108 Sub Teachers, this is the time of year we start finishing out the budgeted amounts due to teacher absences. This will be covered by existing funds at the end of the year.

GMS

13220-51108 Sub Teachers, same as above.

ESS, WSS and HMS will be zeroed out as we close HMS and move into ESS.

GES

13730-57302 Electricity. I wish I had a good answer, but nobody does. This is still a fight with the contractor and subs. Theoretically, it should be slowing down soon. Also, please note that the negative is only due to the encumbered amounts and not actual spent. We have been using budgeted money in the construction account to offset some of this.

District

13960-55801 Out Of District Tuition, This is connected to the next one. We have had a few expensive students move in including a blind student and one that needs a 1:1 nurse. Budgeting this account is a little like pinning jello to the wall

13960-56605 Legal Expense SPED, more kids equals more legal expenses.

Other questions were posed and answered.

Projects Update:

Watkins Field concession/restroom work is ongoing. Interior work should wrap up in February. Final grading and paving will take place in the spring.

New Business:

None

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.