

**Orange Board of Education
Finance Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes**

December 18, 2017

Present: Superintendent Vince Scarpetti, Mary-Jo Sierakowski, Sue Riccio, Kim Browe, Jeff Cap, Chantelle Bunnell, Betty Hadlock, and Evelyn Russo.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Public Participation
There was no public participation.
3. Review of Monthly Expenditures
Ms. Sierakowski projects that the legal expenses for the year will exceed the budgeted amount by \$30,000. She explained that this overage is due mostly to contract negotiations. Ms. Sierakowski communicated confidence that the district will find savings in key areas, including auditing costs and unemployment.

Ms. Sierakowski reviewed several line items and emphasized that all were typical and expected. These included curriculum, professional development, and facilities expenses.

Ms. Sierakowski reminded the committee that the BOE will present at the Orange Capital projects ad-hoc committee next month. She acknowledged that funds are limited but believes it is important that the BOE communicate to the town its current and future needs.
4. Review 2017/2018 Financials
Ms. Sierakowski is confident that the district will stay within this year's budget. She explained that expenses are as expected and that the district can find savings in several line items to compensate for any overages.
5. Cafeteria Update
Ms. Sierakowski shared that participation in the lunch program was good in November. She added that in January, the cafeteria program will pilot a lunch program for adults with small incentives for purchasing lunches.
6. 21st Century
Dr. Scarpetti briefly previewed the presentation that Mrs. Lasto plans to present in January. And he added that Mrs. Lasto is preparing the 21st budget for the next school year.
7. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.