

**Orange Board of Education
Finance Sub-Committee meeting minutes**

January 17, 2017

Present: Superintendent Vince Scarpetti, Mary-Jo Sierakowski, Sue Riccio, Kim Browe, Betty Hadlock, Jeff Cap, Bill Kraut (7:05 pm) and Evelyn Russo

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:45PM.
2. Public Participation
There was no public participation.
3. Review Prior Month's Expenditures
M. Sierakowski started with an update on Educational Cost Sharing Funds. She explained that the Town/ Board of Finance, in planning for this year, was conservative with their estimate of the amount that they would receive from the state, so for this year, the town's budget was not negatively impacted by the state's cut to ECS.

M. Sierakowski reviewed the prior month expenditures. She explained that payroll expenses were higher in December because there was an extra pay period in the month (which happens two months out of the year). She also reviewed expenses for professional development, curriculum materials, replacements and repairs related to security, and special education costs.
4. Review Current Budget
M. Sierakowski emphasized that the budget is tracking in line with expectations.
5. Cafeteria Update
M. Sierakowski explained that while the December lunch count totals are lower due to fewer number of school days, the daily average lunch count is tracking higher compared to the previous month and to the previous December.

M. Sierakowski said that we are closing the deficit and hopes to close the deficit another 5% next year.
6. 21st Century Update
Members of the ad hoc committee have been visiting the 21st Century programs at each school. The committee will meet on Monday.
7. The meeting adjourned at 7:22PM.