

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

September 18, 2017

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.
2. Public Participation
There was no public participation.
3. Review of Monthly Expenditures
Ms. Sierakowski reviewed expenses for August. She explained that the primary expenditures were payroll and routine beginning of the year school start-up costs.
4. Review 2017/2018 Financials
Ms. Sierakowski noted that special education costs for the year are expected to be higher than originally anticipated. She is optimistic that state reimbursement for excess costs should help cover these increased costs since the state has not announced a change to special education reimbursement of excess costs. The district does expect cost savings in other areas. Ms. Sierakowski expressed confidence in the district's 2017-2018 budget.
5. Discussion Wi-Fi Solution
Ms. Browe updated the finance subcommittee on the recent wi-fi challenge. Matt Ullring has implemented a temporary solution, but a permanent solution is necessary. The Curriculum, Instruction and Technology subcommittee recommends Vendor 3 to provide the new Aruba access points. This subcommittee approved a shift from IT salary to IT hardware and will make a motion to the full board at the September Board of Education meeting.
6. Cafeteria Update
Ms. Sierakowski reminded the committee that the lunch prices have increased slightly. She added that there has been no noticeable impact to date. Ms Sierakowski will have more data about lunch counts next month once we have the data for a full month of school. In addition, the cafeteria program will be hiring a food service general worker.
7. 21st Century
The ad hoc committee has met with Ms. Lasto. Ms. Sierakowski is working with her on finalizing a 21st Century budget.
8. The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.