

# UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

**VIRTUAL MEETING – 6:00PM**

**2229 E. Buck Road, Pennsburg, PA**

**Finance Committee Meeting**

January 19, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91532076898>

**CHAIRPERSON:** Melanie Cunningham

**MEMBERS:**

Judy Maginnis

Keith McCarrick

Business Manager: Sandra Kassel

Assistant Business Manager: Dan Direso

Superintendent: Dr. Allyn Roche

## AGENDA

1. Approval of December 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)
2. Discussion
  - a. Borrowing 2021
  - b. Tax Collection Program
  - c. Tax Collection and Tax Collector's Compensation Resolution
  - d. 2019-20 Single Audit Report

***Mission Statement***

*The Finance Committee is an advisory committee who are devoting the extra time and effort to understand the finances of the district in order to assist and guide the Board on financial decisions which affect the short and long term financial health of the district.*

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**December 17, 2020**

**7:30pm**

The Finance Committee Meeting was held virtually with the following committee members attending: Melanie Cunningham (chairperson), Keith McCarrick, and Judy Maginnis. Others in attendance were: Mike Elliott, Dana Hipszer, Steven Cunningham, Raeann Hofkin, Dr. Allyn Roche, Sandy Kassel, Dan Direso, Jenn Malone, Jim Woods, Greg Gallagher, Tim Krise, Trudy Skinner, and Greg Walters

Motion by Keith McCarrick, and seconded by Judy Maginnis to approve the November 16, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION –**

**a. Transportation Services Interviews**

- i. First Student – Jim Wood and Greg Gallagher  
Mr. Wood and Mr. Gallagher described their experiences in transportation. Mr. Wood shared 5 points with the committee, and provided a power point.
  1. They care about kids.
  2. They want to be our transportation partner not just a contractor.
  3. They are one of the largest in the industry.
  4. They will take care of the drivers.
  5. Their mission and the district’s mission work together – Get students to school on time and ready to learn.
 Their goal is to move people safely and they believe community partnership is important. The drivers are the front line of the business and their driver’s performances are twice as safe as the industry. First Student is a leader in the industry in technology. Mr. Wood explained how the technology is used on the vehicles. He also emphasized how they take care of their drivers in compensation and training. Mr. Wood said they would be investing \$5,000,000.00 in new vehicles for the district.  
Mr. Wood responded to Mrs. Maginnis’s question regarding COVID mitigation and costs as mentioned in his proposal, and his response to questions. Mr. Wood also responded to Mr. Elliott’s question on possible exposures and practices for safety.
- ii. Krise Transportation – Tim Krise  
Mr. Krise proceeded to give the background on his involvement with transportation. Mr. Krise expressed the importance of drivers and believes in awarding them for their safety and dedication. He also sets up meetings with a core group of the drivers to make sure their questions and concerns are heard. Mr. Krise said that he is considering three different facilities in the district that they can potentially operate from. They currently operate in six different districts. Mr. Krise responded to Mr. Elliott’s question on training and safety protocols.
- lii. Coventry Transportation – Trudy Skinner and Greg Walter  
Ms. Skinner (regional V.P.) and Mr. Walter (senior V.P.) of G&L introduced themselves and provided a brief description of their experiences. They then proceeded with a power point. G&L is the parent company to Coventry transportation. In 2016 Landmark and Gross transportation combined to become G&L transportation. Mr. Walter presented G&L’s mission statement which included safety, respect, integrity, community support, team work and

accountability. Ms. Skinner explained their driver training program and recruitment. Mrs. Skinner provided an overview of the experience and services G&L has provided to the Upper Perkiomen School District. Mrs. Kassel asked about the magnitude of the rate reduction between a five year contract and a seven year contract. Mr. Walter responded that the reduction was due to the lender being able to spread the cost over a five year period versus a seven year period.

After the presentations the committee members and one of the board members discussed the different vendors. The decision was to work on moving forward with Krise transportation. Mrs. Kassel will contact Kyle Somers to discuss the best way to proceed on contract development.

Motion by Keith McCarrick, seconded by Judy Maginnis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm. Motion carried; all voted aye.