

**UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCE COMMITTEE
February 21, 2023**

The Finance Committee Meeting was held at the Upper Perkiomen Education Center with the following committee members attending: Melanie Cunningham (Chairperson), Keith McCarrick, and Judy Maginnis. Others in attendance were: Dr. Allyn Roche, Daniel Direso, Megan Moyer, Paula Germinario, Doug Kenwood, James Roth, Peg Pennepacker, JP Prego, Emily McCormick, and 1 community member.

6:09 Melanie Cunningham called meeting to order and January 17, 2023 Minutes approved.

Discussion:

Food Service Presentation

Paula Germinario presented information on the National School Breakfast & Lunch Program. She reviewed the key points about the program and the standards we are required to uphold concerning the nutritionally balanced breakfast and lunch. Paula explained how Food Service runs like a business with Sales, Inventory, and expenses. Lastly, she went through the participation numbers and the impacts Covid had on resources and supply chain. Emily McCormick asked if the Salad Bar could be re-introduced. Paula explained the lack of resources and sanitary concerns around the Salad Bar will make that highly unlikely in the near future. Concerning the resources, Judy asked if any PT workers would consider FT. Paula explained the need for the FT employees to be certified with SafeServ and the PT employees are PT for a reason. Emily asked what can the Board do to help.

2023-2024 Budget

Dan Direso reviewed the 2023-2024 Budget Timeline

- 1.) Technology
 - a. 23-24 Technology Budget increased due to the new laptop phase and the internal network in all schools except for the MS.
 - b. Jim spoke about the fees and the in-house repairs that could help offset some of the expenses.
 - c. Dan spoke about laptops not being capital and we will need to designate fund balance for refreshes.
- 2.) Facilities
 - a. 23-24 Facilities Budget decreased from 22-23 due to changing some things to the Capital Reserve Budget. A planned Capital Transfer is a recommendation to cover Expenses proposed by the Feasibility Study. Doug spoke about Supplies, Professional Services, and Utility Costs skyrocketing and is very grateful for GESSA for bringing our usage down significantly. The Capital needs discussed were the MLB & HFD playground Fencing, HS Asbestos, HS Gym Floor, 4/5 Roof Repairs, MLB Doors and Boilers. Vicki asked Doug about any grants that can be used for the HS Asbestos Project. Doug replied that there are very few grants through EPA.
- 3.) Transportation
 - a. 23-24 Transportation Budget increased from 22-23 due to Fuel Costs and new software Transversa.

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Fair Funding Lawsuit

Dan shared with the committee the February 15, 2023 letter from multiple PA Associations to Governor Shapiro concerning the Fair Funding Lawsuit. They understand the complexity of Educational Funding and look to provide a long-term, sustainable, and predictable funding solution that recognizes and addresses the unique needs and challenges of every school student

Motion by Keith McCarrick seconded by Judy Maginnis. Melanie Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.