

BOE Finance Committee
March 7, 2019

**Town of Preston
Board of Education
Finance Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 7, 2019
PPMS Library
5:00 pm**

1. Call to Order

Tom Turner (acting chair) called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. (Sean Nugent was absent).

In attendance:

Ed Gauthier (EG)

Melissa Lennon (ML) – BoF Liaison

Superintendent Seitsinger (SS)

John Spang (JS)

Staff: Ray Bernier

Mike House

Patricia Hibbard

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

None – No public present

4. Approval of Minutes

- **Moved, to accept the February 28th Special Meeting minutes as submitted. EG/TT. Unanimous. Motion carries.**

5. a. FY19 Budget Projections presented by John Spang

Tom asked about the status of van drivers. Pat explained that there are 4 van drivers that cannot drive buses. The Superintendent put a freeze on hiring just van drivers to focus on hiring only full capacity bus drivers.

b. Capital Project Status presented by John Spang

- Dr. Seitsinger pointed out that the science room remodel budget is likely inadequate. Ed asked how close, Roy stated that we may need twice as much to do the job well. However, we will make the best of the available funds.
- Lockers are out to bid, companies are presently doing walk throughs. Bid opening on March 19th at 3:30
- Playground resurfacing also out to bid. Bid opening March 19th at 4:00.

Roy suggested that it's time to start looking at the next capital bond and that the administration is starting a running list of potential next projects.

c. FY20 Proposed Budget

- Roy asked Melissa for questions. She asked if the line item amounts could be tightened up on FY19 for comparison to FY20. She said some line items did not appear to be correct although the category amounts looked correct.
- Discussion for cuts centered on skag mower, transportation repairs and fuel, and food subsidy.
 1. Decision to lower skag mower to 13,000

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2. Decision to lower fuel to 72,000

3. Decision to lower food subsidy to 25,680

4. After discussion, repairs remained at the current number.

●Dr. Seitsinger reminded everyone about March 25th and asked that we come prepared for a detailed discussion.

6. Public Comment

None/No public Present

7. Adjournment

Moved, to adjourn the meeting. EG/TT. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Turner