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REGION SCHOOL DISTRICT 12
Board of Education
Finance & Operations Committee
October 4, 2021

The Finance & Operations Committee meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 2021, in the Shepaug Valley School Library by the Chairman, Alex McNaughton. Also, present were all Committee members: Joe Abdella, John Buonaiuto, Greg Cava and Pete Tagley. Attending were Megan Bennett, Superintendent, Nicole Grant, Director of Finance, and Don O'Leary, Director of Facilities. Also attending were Jim Brinton and Jay Hubelbank.

Pete Tagley made a motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021. The motion was seconded by John Buonaiuto and passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0-1. Greg Cava abstained since he was not present.

Next on the Agenda was the Monthly Financials, but since all the numbers for September had not been reconciled any discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

Megan presented the October Enrollment numbers. The total Region 12 enrollment as of October 1, 2021 was 763 students, which 594 students were from the three Region 12 towns; Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington. The Agriscience program had a total of 119 students with 75 coming from outside of Region 12.

Jim Brinton, First Selectman of Washington, and Jay Hubelbank, Selectman of Washington, made a presentation on solar panels for Washington Primary School (WPS). WPS is considering using Connecticut Green Bank. Roxbury has engaged with a different solar company than Washington. Booth Free School is talking with a "for profit" company out of Bridgeport, CT. There would be no cost for Region 12, and electric rates would be locked in for 20 years at which time the Region would take ownership of the solar equipment. There would have to be structural analysis of both schools. Don O'Leary expressed his concerns and asked many questions. Jim Brinton and Jay Hubelbank will get some answers.

At 6:19 p.m. Jim Brinton and Jay Hubelbank left the meeting.

Don O'Leary discussed his spreadsheets showing upgrades that would have to be done in the next five years at the four schools. Air flow in the three primary schools was discussed at length. Pete Tagley felt that a "universal" maintenance plan should be created using different scenarios and reviewed by the F&O Committee, the Board of Education and by the three member towns.

Megan Bennett reviewed the Agriscience Business Model. The report showed both past numbers and projected future numbers. Nicole Grant estimated that the Agriscience program will add income of $851,925 to the 2021/2022 school year.

At 6:49 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.