



Budget & Finance Subcommittee Special Meeting

May 24, 2021 6:00 PM
Board Meeting Room
Administrative Offices
137-B Glenwood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Attendance Taken at 5:57 PM:

Present Board Members:

Erica Gelven
Jason Adler
Michael Hornyak
Peter Nye

1. Opening Exercises

1.A. Roll call

Discussion:

Also present were Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell, Assistant Superintendent Marco Famiglietti, and Business Manager Carolyn Dickey.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion:

All participants stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ARP ESSER Grant Process for Decision-Making

Discussion:

Superintendent O'Donnell gave an overview of the ARP ESSER allocation review process. The subcommittee held a conversation regarding the district's needs assessment, gaining input from stakeholders and plans for using the grant funding. Superintendent O'Donnell distributed the CSDE ESSER guidance document which is to serve as a resource for how to spend the grant funds. She also shared data to support the Needs Assessment and the timelines for expending the grants.

The subcommittee discussed the importance and benefit of sharing information and having reciprocal representation between the BOE and Town Council meetings.

Assistant Superintendent Famiglietti described the roles of the teachers on special assignment for curriculum revision and the role of the additional math position at The Morgan School.

The subcommittee discussed and brainstormed ways to increase family and community involvement as related to the ESSER grant proposal.

The subcommittee next discussed facility needs that are under consideration for ESSER funding.

The subcommittee agreed that the BOE should finalize its decisions on ESSER fund spending, gather public input prior to sharing the final plan with the Town Council.

Superintendent O'Donnell stated that she would refine the documents presented to show how the funds would be distributed prior to the next full Board of Education meeting. She also will be revising the district's

reopening plan which requires public input as well. Both documents can then be presented at the Board's second meeting in June for approval.

3. Preparing for the Terms of Employment Contract Adjustments

Discussion:

Superintendent O'Donnell described the Terms of Employment contract development process. She suggested bringing comparable rates of pay from other districts to establish competitive rate increases and length of contracts.

4. General Discussion

Discussion:

Superintendent O'Donnell queried the subcommittee as to preferable dates for the next subcommittee meeting.

5. Adjournment

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted by M. O'Donnell.