

Seymour Board of Education



Finance Committee Meeting Agenda

April 6, 2026
Seymour Middle School
6:30 pm

Committee Members Present: Kristen Harmeling
Kristen Bruno
Lori Nespoli

Others Present: Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent
Salvatore Bucci, Business Manager
Shannon Levey, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Harmeling called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment provides the opportunity for the public to make a comment. It is not a dialogue between the Board and the public. Based upon what is heard during Public Comment, the Board may choose to add a topic to the agenda. If questions are posed that the Chairperson is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairperson's Comments portion of the agenda. The Board will not discuss personnel matters. Comments should be respectful and no longer than 3 minutes in length so that all who wish to comment may have the opportunity to do so. All the public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

- Public Comment called 3 times, no comment.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Financial Statement

1. Mr. Bucci reported that the same surpluses and deficits noted last month continue to trend similarly. CLS continues to experience ongoing issues.

Dr. Compton reported approximately \$50,000 has been spent on air quality vent cleaning, with an additional \$12,000 anticipated. Testing at CLS has been completed, and all reports have returned satisfactory results. The state requires air quality testing, a non-funded mandate occurring every three years.

Dr. Compton also noted geothermal system repairs and equipment have totaled at least \$80,000, with two additional items still needed. It was emphasized that these are necessary, non-elective repairs and should not be expected to recur at this level in the future.

Mr. Bucci reported approximately \$40,000 in repairs is needed for the pool, with a potential additional \$20,000 required for sprinkler heads in the pool area to achieve code compliance. He also noted a positive variance in the electricity budget, attributing savings since approximately December, with acknowledgement to Tony for his efforts. A decrease in the public benefits charge was also noted. Some of the electricity budget has been used for facility repair costs at CLS and SHS.

Ms. Bruno asked if \$22,000 is included in the projection – Mr. Bucci confirmed it is. It was noted

that an OSHA walkthrough is expected in the near future.

Dr. Compton further reported significant expenditures related to heating issues and repairs at the high school, as well as \$76,000 in snow removal costs, exceeding the budgeted \$20,000.

Payments to Public Works are processed directly via check, with separate reconciliations maintained for accounts payable and payroll to ensure clarity and accuracy of records.

Ms. Harmeling noted that the committee previously received monthly check runs, she inquired with the members but members currently have no desire to resume receiving them. Ms. Harmeling also inquired about the "equipment repair and maintenance" line item, specifically what is included. Mr. Bucci clarified that this includes items such as scrubbers and tools, and suggested consolidating related line items for clarity.

Ms. Harmeling raised questions regarding paraeducator funding for the upcoming budget, including whether the proposed increase includes the additional \$300,000 adjustment. Mr. Bucci responded that once projections are clearer, he will meet with Dr. Compton to develop a detailed plan.

Ms. Harmeling also asked whether the district intends to increase the number of paraeducators in order to reduce reliance on Delta-T staffing. Dr. Compton confirmed efforts are underway to recruit additional paraeducators when possible. She also noted that administrators were provided a detailed breakdown of paraeducator assignments approximately two months ago.

Ms. Harmeling requested a breakdown of special education staffing assignments by location and role. Ms. Bruno noted this information will likely be important depending on outcomes of the upcoming town meeting.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Board of Education
 - 1. Chairman Comments
 - 2. Board Member Comments
- B. Superintendent's Report

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned at 6:51 PM

Prepared by Shannon Levey, Board Clerk