

Seymour Board of Education



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2026
Seymour Middle School
6:45 pm

Board Members Present: Kristen Harmeling
Kristen Bruno
Lori Nespoli

Others Present: Chris Champagne
Jim Garofolo
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 6:48 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 three times, no comment

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

The financial statement remains consistent with last month's report and projections. Adjustments continue to be made throughout the budget to manage expenditures effectively while identifying additional savings opportunities. A realistic savings estimate of approximately \$105,000 is anticipated in electricity costs through reduced rates and public benefit adjustments.

Special education expenditures remain stable, with the number of outplaced students holding steady. Facilities expenses have not presented any significant concerns. Paraeducator costs continue to be the primary area exceeding projections.

Overall, this month's report serves largely as a confirmation of last month's update. By the next meeting in mid-June, the district expects to have a clearer year-end picture and currently anticipates closing the fiscal year on budget.

Discussion:

Ms. Harmeling: Asked whether ECS funding for special education had been planned for based on the slightly lower student numbers.

Mr. Bucci: Confirmed that the district is comfortable with the projected numbers. Initial estimates are based on the December 1 and March 1 counts, and the district expects to receive the amount budgeted. Depending on how the current year concludes, adjustments to next year's budget may be considered.

Ms. Harmeling: Noted that this has already been accounted for in planning.

Dr. Compton: Added that enrollment fluctuations are always difficult to predict, as the district can never be certain who may move into town.

IV. REPORTS

A. Board of Education

1. Chairman Comments – Ms. Harmeling clarified that these meetings are monthly finance meetings and not budget meetings.
2. Board Member Comments - none

B. Superintendent's Report

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM

Prepared by: Shannon Levey, Board Clerk