

Tolland Board of Education
Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes
August 19, 2020

Members present: Dr. Walter Willett, Christine Griffin, Renie Besaw
Members present via Zoom: Dana Philbin, Jacob Marie

Meeting called to order at 5:41 pm

Review of updates to the 2020-2021 Facility agreement with the town. Discussions about changes to the agreement by the town, specifically the addition for the BOE to replace the turf field and include it in our 5 year capital project request. Committee agreed that further discussions with the town are warranted and Dr. Willett should not sign this updated agreement until we do so.

Discussion of the 6/30/2020 year end budget report. Dr. Willett broke down the expected 30%/40%/30% split for the remaining funds for this year. Of the potential \$283,000 for the COVID relief fund, approximately \$211,000 has been spent on expenses such as cots, bottle filling stations, bus cleaning systems, nursing supplies and desk shields. This fund needs to be finalized with the Town Council as soon as possible to confirm this money will be available for these expenses.

Dr. Willett reviewed possible state grants for PPE. Also, a grant request for additional chromebooks. He will update the committee on whether either of these grants come to fruition.

Ms. Griffin asked about whether we were providing daycare options to teachers and/or residents. Dr. Willett explained he was working with the Family Resource Center to provide a service to teachers for their own children. They will look to hire college students to provide distance learning support. This expense would be paid for by the teachers and no out of pocket cost to the BOE is expected. The service would also be made available to Tolland residents if additional space was available.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Griffin