

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held at Limestone Community High School, District 310, on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at 7:42 PM.

Mr. Mike Vollmer called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM.

Committee Members Present: Mrs. Sara Callear; Mr. William Bessler; and Mr. Michael Vollmer

Other Members Present: Mr. Jim Bainter

Administrators Present: Mr. Allan Gresham; Mrs. Denise Ryder; and Mr. Rusty Russell

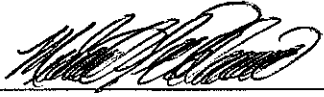
Mrs. Ryder presented the Committee with information on an E-rate consulting service. E-rate is a supplemental government program to help school districts afford Internet access and phone service. Historically, Limestone has recovered 40% of what was spent on the Verizon, AT&T, and Internet bills in a delayed reimbursement from \$13,000-\$20,000 in past years. This year's reimbursement is down because the direct internet connection through ICN and phone costs with the new contract have decreased dramatically. Several local districts already utilize independent consulting services to complete this paperwork. This service would help us utilize our technology office resources better, as well as look at past claims to capture dollars that may have been left on the table. The FCC is offering 2 billion dollars in E-rate incentives to schools for improving network infrastructures. As we look at future planning of projects, we are considering this opportunity also. This consultancy fee of \$1,950 will be brought to the Board at the December 8, 2014 meeting as an action item.

Mr. Gresham presented the Committee with a proposal to purchase four contrabass marching tubas for the band program. Our tubas were purchased by the Boosters in 2007. The cost of the four new instruments is \$17,200. Mr. Empey believes he can sell the current tubas to offset the cost of the new ones. We feel this is a solid investment in our band program, which has an outstanding reputation. This will be brought to the Board as an action item at the December 2, 2014 meeting at a cost not to exceed what was presented.

Mr. Gresham discussed with the Committee the upcoming SEAPCO Hiring Survey. Four years ago, the District took on the responsibility of hiring our own Paraprofessionals for Cross Categorical Special Education classrooms. Since that time, District members of SEAPCO have bantered around the idea of taking on their own hires through attrition. Current costs for CC teachers are based on an average of all teachers in that category for all fourteen SEAPCO member districts. Therefore, we are considering to begin hiring our own to gain more control over our expenses, as well as our curricular needs and teaching responsibilities. We are considering all our options at this time and this item is, at this point, informational for our Committee.

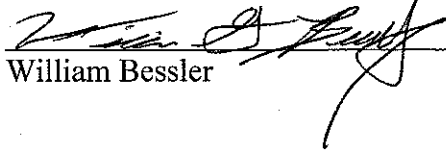
Non-agenda:
None

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.



Mike Vollmer, Chairperson

ATTEST:



William Bessler