

Good afternoon Deb

As to your Form Submission inquiry, which the Board is in receipt of, we thank you for the same. At this time, the Board of Finance members have a few questions, which are as follows:

**As to Grants:**

1. Could we obtain 5 years of details on the grants that have been received and the educator positions that have been supported by those grants. It is believed this would be helpful to put this year's presentation in context **See attached table.**
2. Out of any of the grant funded positions, how many positions were retained after a grant expired? **This information is included in the table for question 1**
3. How many years has a particular position, that was grant funded initially, continued or became a full time placement post grant. Again, we could focus on just the past 5 years if you have that information. **This information is included in the table**
4. With respect to the grant funded positions, how do benefits factor in for a particular individual. When are they offered or how are they, i.e., during the grant period or only after when hired post grant. **Employee's funded by grants receive the same benefits as those funded by the board's budget, Benefit costs are not usually charged to grants; however, the VOCA and CT Youth Employment Program grants will fund the employee benefits.**
5. Is there any way to forecast expected grant funded positions for the next three (3) years. **The Title and IDEA grants are two-year grants that are renewed every other year and we are able to project funding for the positions covered by these grants. There may be small fluctuations from year to year and the Board will have to make up the difference in funding for the balance of the position.**

**Most of the private and other federal grants typically have a usage timeline of 1-2 years. Many grants will also allow a "carryover" if the funds have not been completely depleted within the given time frame.**

**The private grants, such as NOVO and Sandy Hook Foundations have been in place for several years; however, they should be coming to an end and it is not possible to project what other grant sources may become available over the next three years.**

**As to the middle school cafeteria tables and Middle Gate:** The desks that are being proposed to be replaced, how many of each. (Pg 22) **Middle Gate - 19 teacher chairs @ \$180, 25 student chairs @ \$125 and 25 student desks @ \$175 Middle School 6 cafeteria tables @ \$7,500** When was the last time these were replaced or have they been used since the initial purchase. **The life of the cafeteria table is approximately 15-20 years and most of them are beyond this time span. We have begun to see extensive wear and some of the tables are non-repairable. The tables that have been included in the budget request are non-repairable and pose a safety concern. . We will most likely have to begin a replacement process, including a few tables in our budget request each year. Are costs expected to rise, or any indicator of the same, over the next year or two should they wait to be replaced? It is uncertain if the costs will rise over the next few years.**

**Next:**

1. pg 95: Technology Education (STEAM), instructional supplies shows \$3,169.00 increase/change from prior year. The foot note is acknowledged, but can you better explain the increase?
2. As to pg 96, is Rosetta Stone a new offering this year? Is it going to continue going forward? Additional costs every year or every few years? Is it computer based or book based. Is the program available to all students for languages being offered (Spanish/French) **This is due to the current year**

expansion of the program. This cost will be recurring and it includes textbooks and software with the majority of the cost coming from textbooks. The current year was funded through the ESSER II grant; however, the Board will absorb this cost going forward.

3. And the cost for workbooks, is this a new item and will continue going forward? Are the workbooks part of the Rosetta Stone program? **Yes, these workbooks are part the world language program, the anticipated cost is about \$8,650**

**On page 153**, please explain foot note #2 "expansion of anonymous alters system to include all schools"

**As to page 170, and 22: Transportation:** is 8% an accurate indicator of the increase. At the meeting 5-15% was noted, with 8% likely. Have any other companies requested to bid besides the one company mentioned at the meeting.

**We only had one bidder for the contract and that was our current provider. The overall increase came in at 8.85%**

To that end, Board of Finance has a meeting on 2/17/22, tomorrow night. Feel free to submit any responses in writing before or after the meeting or join us if you want to discuss in person.

In the event any other questions arise, would you be available or members/speakers for a possible meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022? I ask because we may call a special meeting should any members have questions for other departments needed before the 2/24/22 meeting, that would necessitate in person discussion. I will know by tomorrow evening if we will host a meeting on 2/23/22. .

Thank you for your assistance with the above.

John

**HISTORY BOARD OF EDUCATION - GRANTS FUNDING POSITIONS**

POSITIONS	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	ADDED TO BUDGET	TOTAL GRANT AWARD/FTE ON GRANT	ADDED TO BUDGET	TOTAL GRANT AWARD/FTE ON GRANT	ADDED TO BUDGET	TOTAL GRANT AWARD/FTE ON GRANT	ADDED TO BUDGET	TOTAL GRANT AWARD/FTE ON GRANT	ADDED TO BUDGET	TOTAL GRANT AWARD/FTE ON GRANT	ADDED TO BUDGET	TOTAL GRANT AWARD/FTE ON GRANT
<b>FEDERAL SPECIAL GRANTS</b>												
ESSER I						\$141,090						
BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONIST						0.93						
ESSER II										\$625,532		
BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIOIST							0.93			0.93	0.93	
MATH INTERVENTIONISTS												
READING INTERVENTIONIST										0.50		0.50
SP. ED. TEACHERS										2.00	1.05	0.95
ESSER III										\$809,095		
MATH INTERVENTIONISTS										4.00	2.00	4.00
SP. ED. TEACHERS										3.14		1.14
SP. ED. TEACHERS - RIS												1.00
ELL TEACHER										1.00	1.00	
SPEECH THERAPIST										1.00	1.00	
COORDINATOR OF HEALTH												1.00
NMS ARC										1.00		1.00
SOC. WORKER										0.60		0.60
VOCA (PART OF TOWN GRANT)						\$121,927		\$136,928		\$160,655		
SOC. WORKER						0.65		0.80	.2 TO NOVO			
FAMILY ASSIST. COORD						1.00		1.00				
<b>PRIVATE GRANTS</b>												
SANDY HOOK FOUNDATION	\$184,506		\$82,812					\$42,900				
SP. ED. SUPERVISOR	0.26	0.26	0.00									
SOC. WORKERS	1.12	1.12	0.00					0.60	TO NOVO			
FAMILY ASSIST. COORD	1.00		1.00	TO VOCA								
NOVO FOUNDATION	\$500,000		\$500,000		\$500,000			Carryover		\$500,000		
ELEM COUNSELORS	4.00	2.00	2.00		2.00		2.00	0.00				
SOC. WORKERS	0.76		2.40		2.75		0.40	0.60		2.00		2.00
FAMILY ASSIST. COORD.							1 MEDICAID, .6 SHF, .15 VOCA			1.00		1.00
PSYCHOLOGIST	1.00		1.00	1.00	0.00							
SP. ED. TEACHERS	1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		0.20		0.20	
DISTRICT DIRECTORS	0.25	0.08	0.17		0.17		0.17					
PARAEDUCATORS												
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION										1.00		1.00
NEWTOWN-SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY	\$25,000											
GRANT SPECIALIST	0.50	0.50										
DALIO FOUNDATION	\$145,000											
SOC. WORKERS	1.24	TO NOVO										
PSYCHOLOGIST	1.00	1.00										
STAFFING	12.13	4.96	7.57	1.00	8.5		3.57	3.93	0.00	18.37	6.18	14.19