

Business Coordinator Report

BOE Meeting November 18, 2020

Our Medicaid eligible population continues to increase with the October 1, 2020 counts indicating 57.35% of our students are Medicaid eligible. The percentage of our students “doubled up” in households other than their own and reported as “homeless” in the CSDE PSIS student data collection on October 1, 2020 was 12.5%. Both of these statistics indicate the increasing financial needs of our students and their families.

COVID related expenses to date total approximately \$82,130 distributed as follows:

- \$16,020 Wages – Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA), bus monitors, distance learning planning team stipends and school nurse stipend for summer work.
- \$ 1,530 Benefits – unemployment for substitutes, Social Security & Medicare taxes on Wages listed above
- \$10,190 Purchased Professional Services – online professional development for paraprofessionals, distance learning professional development for individual teachers, legal fees
- \$18,300 Purchased Property Services – classroom modifications, installation of appliances (clothes washer/dryer/dishwasher), building sanitizing
- \$ 7,990 Other Purchased Services – postage for student mailings, town wide newsletter mailing, online distance learning software, remote log-in software
- \$28,100 Supplies – masks, gloves, thermometers, protective gowns, hand sanitizer, face shields, appliances, sanitizing products, Chromebooks, individual student bins, sneeze guards, 2 way radios for mask breaks and socially distant recess times, social distancing signage, dividers, sanitizer dispensers

Our grant awards for COVID expenses include:

- \$34,547 from the Coronavirus Relief fund (CRF)
 - \$1,902 Personnel Related Transportation Supports (bus monitors)
 - \$32,645 Non-Personnel related Cleaning/PPE/Health/Safety
- \$13,195 from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)
 - \$13,195 Nightly sanitizing to allow safe reopening for in-person learning

The July – October, 2020 budget vs actual reflects we are on track for the year as a whole but some accounts are running higher than normal for this time of year. These include (434) Building/Grounds Maintenance at 47.28% which includes classroom modifications for social distancing, (601) General Supplies at 87.64% which includes PPE for the school office and nurse’s room, (611) Instructional Supplies at 82.49% which includes PPE and social distance measures for students, teachers and within the classrooms. Our Covid grant funding will be used to offset these accounts. Within our current budget and grant funding we will need to cover all of the above expenses as well as unanticipated tuition for two students who attend the STEM magnet school as well as an additional special education tuition expense. We will continue to closely monitor expenses which are rising due to safety measures allowing us to remain open for in person learning.

I am actively working with our auditor to complete the 2019-2020 audit.