Committee Purpose
The Finance Committee provides the board with the opportunity to more closely review various aspects of financial administration. This committee provides input to the budget process, meets with auditors, does long-term debt planning with financial consultants and oversees the ongoing business processes of our district.

Committee Leadership
Jim Maurer, School Board Committee Chair
Sheryl Pursel, Director of Finance

Start Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Centerville Middle School Auditorium

Attended:

Board Members: Jim Maurer, Adam Aloisi, Mike Donato and Charles Merris attended in person while Grant Keener, Linda Johnston and Pat Wagner attended virtually.

Administration: Mike Graham, Mike Bromirski, Mark Brooks, Sheryl Pursel, Karen Hall

Other: None

Time for Public Comment: None

Discussion Items:

1. RFP for Auditor – Hempfield requested an extension with our current auditor, Trout Ebersole, for an additional two years which would cost the district $1,000 more per year for two years. The board was not in favor of this and suggested a compromise by extending our contract with Trout Ebersole for one year. The board suggested we start the RFP process for the new auditor by the fall of 2021. All were in favor. Item will be added to the agenda.

2. Results of Bond Refinancing – Mr. Brooks presented hand-outs to the board containing detailed information on our bond refinancing. Details will be posted in the board news.

3. School District Budget Report – Mr. Brooks presented the board with the Covid-19 Impact Report. This report will be available in the board news.

   a. Covid Impact: See PowerPoint presentation slides as they relate to revenue, expenditures, staffing shortages and various challenges school districts are facing. Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Pursel and Mr. Bromirski clarified many of the board’s questions on Covid-related federal grant funding and how these monies will be allocated. The board requested further analysis on what it would cost the district next school year if all students returned. Mr. Brooks will work on developing a hybrid model that would show the “what if” scenarios.
4. CMS Roofing Update: Mr. Brooks informed the board that he will be meeting with a roofing consultant based out of Wilkes-Barre, PA. This will cut out the middle man (the architect). This information will be added to the board agenda for approval of the contract with the roofing consultant as well as the bid specifications. Mr. Brooks confirmed the consultant has a structural engineer on staff to address the specific concerns regarding the roof at Centerville Middle School. Additionally, the structural engineer can do the stamp for the architect as well.

5. Certified School Nursing Update: An additional school nurse will be starting on February 8. We continue to be short staffed on nurses. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find substitute nurses. Hempfield is looking to seek approval to hire a health room nurse with the understanding that if resignations come as a result of leaves, we can balance out the shortages. Mr. Mauer would like Hempfield to actively pursue the hiring of two nurses. Mr. Keener agrees.

Adjourn: 6:23 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates
Unless otherwise noted, meetings are scheduled at 5:00 p.m. in the Centerville Middle School Auditorium.

February 23, 2021
March 30, 2021
April 27, 2021
May 25, 2021