

## **Business Coordinator Report**

### **BOE meeting May 27, 2020**

The 2020-2021 IDEA grant application has been submitted. This is a special education grant which we use for services included in students' IEPs such as speech and language pathologist, psychological evaluations and services, occupational therapy supervisor, and one-to-one paraprofessional time. We anticipate our 2020-2021 grant amount to be \$28,400. Without IDEA funding these expenses would be paid from our BoE budget. To be eligible for this funding we must comply each year with Maintenance of Effort standards for our special education costs.

The grant application for the approximate \$13,000 in Federal Stimulus funds from the CARES Act is expected to be available next week. State guidance states, "Stimulus funding may be used to reimburse for equitable distribution of learning materials, tutorial services to combat learning loss, professional learning and support for educators whose jobs changed overnight, and social emotional supports for students who are collectively experiencing daily trauma. This social emotional support will need to be an integral part of our programming moving forward." Additional state guidance lists the following priority areas which the state plans to support with federal resources: Equitable Access to Technology, Equitable Access to High Quality Online Curriculum including the necessary supports, Education Recovery & Reopening Schools, Social and Emotional Well-being.

The CARES Act allows for special distributions and loans from employee 403b and 457 plans under certain conditions. Our plan administrator, Planwithease, worked with us on the plan modifications for these new provisions. Participating employees were notified of the special distribution and loan provisions. If they are interested they will contact Planwithease who will work with them to complete paperwork and approve or deny requests.

Medicaid statistics were prepared based on student counts as of April 1, 2020. This process includes verifying Medicaid eligibility for each student for whom we have financial responsibility, cross checking special education status in PSIS (CSDE student database) and our local Filemaker database, verifying which special education students have medical services provided and which students have parental consent on file. On April 1, 2020 Hampton had 95 students for whom we were financially responsible, 33 Medicaid eligible students, 23 students with medical services in their IEP, and 3 Medicaid eligible students with medical services and parental consent. Medicaid reimbursement may only be claimed for Medicaid eligible students with medical services in their IEP who also have consent on file.

A draft BoE 2020-2021 budget with a 0% increase was prepared as directed by Superintendent Olah, after the Board of Finance voted to reduce the BoE 2020-2021 budget to a 0%

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