

February 29, 2024

To: MERSD School Committee (SC)

From: Pam Beaudoin, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Financials for 3/5/24 School Committee Meeting

Attached please find financials for the 3/5/24 School Committee meeting including:

- Accounts Payable (AP) vouchers 1048 - 1054
- Payroll warrant for February 15 & 29, 2024

AP Vouchers

- V1048 (\$41,649.26) / V01049 (\$18,363.82) / V1050 (\$14,151.97) High School Student Activity Account Transfers: Collection and distribution of funds for upcoming Music and DECA field trips in addition to routine purchases or robotics, debate, and science team.
- V1051 (\$2,250) Middle School Student Activity Account Transfers.
- V1052 (\$349.40) Medicare wire transfer.
- V1053(\$26.60) MA Department of Revenue for taxes on meals purchased by adults in February. This is on a separate voucher because payment is sent electronically to the DOR.
- V1054 (\$1,210,171.63) Main Accounts Payable Voucher - This voucher is primarily routine purchases and contract payments and services. Items of note:
 - Technology
 - Ockers Company (\$74,893.37) Continued implementation of planned system upgrades to back-end hardware and infrastructure. These capital improvements are being subsidized (40% of cost) by the E-Rate program. E-rate is a federal program that provides technology discounts for schools and libraries. E-rate is administered by the Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC) under the oversight of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Schools and libraries are eligible to receive discounts on approved vendor internet/broadband access and internal network and communications network support.
 - Liminex Inc (\$5,366.72) Pear Deck is a platform that allows students to engage with each other and their teacher in real time while responding through a digital tool. Pear Deck can be used in partnership with other virtual tools (Like Google Slides) to enhance the engagement of learners through interactive presentations. Pear Deck can be used for assessments, differentiated learning opportunities, real-time feedback, and quick data collection.
 - Facilities
 - Jeffrey's Creek (\$13,760) Snow and ice treatment and plowing for January. It is anticipated that this is an area where we will see savings to help offset other facilities expenditures as this has been a light year for winter weather management. Gas and electricity are running at an average rate.

- Middle High School Facilities - As outlined in the Habeeb Report (FY23) middle high school will need increased attention over the next decade as it approaches its twenty-five-year anniversary (half-life) in 2034.
 - Joe Warren & Sons (\$2,700.10) A small expenditure, but noteworthy, as we are beginning to see an increased need for repairs (beyond routine maintenance) for systems at the Middle High School which is now fifteen years old.
 - R.P. O'Connell (\$9,940.00) Identified as planned work in the Capital plan, this was originally intended to be complete in FY23 but deferred. This was an upgrade to the Middle High School HVAC system building management software. The old version was over 15 years old and beginning to fail. The new version is compatible with Memorial BMS.
- Raptor Technologies (\$6,630) Continued implementation of districtwide upgrades to security system to ensure parity and currency among all schools. Implementation of Raptor visitor management system (one at each building) including in/out recording, security check, and photo badge.
- Miscellaneous
 - Powers & Sullivan (\$3,000) Audit of annual Department of Revenue Excess and Deficiency report prior to submission.
 - CHUBB (\$303) Special risk insurance covers on site injury to volunteers on site.
 - Salem State University (\$4,492) The Fellows Program is long-term partnership with Salem State University in which we hire graduate students as teaching assistants. In lieu of a salary MERSD pays the rate of tuition for the time they are employed (one school year). This is a savings to the district over a salaried TA and helps to establish a pipeline of highly qualified teacher candidates for future vacancies.

Payroll Vouchers

Summary of bi-weekly payroll (2/15/24 & 2/19/24). This is a standard payroll.