

Raymond Budget Committee Questions/Answers
From Raymond School District
Re: 9/29/2020 Budget Committee Meeting

1. Please provide a breakdown of Covid/Cares/ESSER money (the amount received or anticipate receiving for this budget), any other revenue credits, grant money received (bus fuel credits etc) and what function/ object code lines they would be applied towards.

There are two things here: 1) money that we are receiving from the government through the ESSER Grant, and 2) money that was saved from receiving credits or savings on our transportation invoices.

- 1) COVID-19 Government Grant Money: The total amount that we were awarded (total amount anticipated) for ESSER is \$212,343.42. This entire grant period crosses fiscal years, extending from March 13, 2020 to September 30, 2021.
 - a) Received during FY 2020:\$2,657.87
 - b) Anticipated during FY 21: \$209,685.55
- 2) Transportation Savings:
 - a) Account # 11450020 / 500519 After School Transportation: We saved money in regards to after school costs because there was no after school transportation during remote learning in FY 20. Savings for this line was \$5,159.00,
 - b) Account # 12721018 / 500519 Regular Education Transportation: We received a total of \$18,480.28 as a credit. That balance is not reflected on the line however, because the budget was set before the contract was signed and the budgeted amount was less than the contract amount. The line only reflects \$12,789.28 savings during FY 20.
 - c) Account # 12722019 / 500519 Special Education Transportation: We received a total of \$10,235.07 as credits. This line was significantly over budget in FY 20, so you will not see money left in this line.
 - d) Account # 12724234 / 500519 MS Athletic Buses: Because athletics were cancelled, there was \$494.36 left on this line.
 - e) Account # 12724334 / 500519 HS Athletic Buses: Because athletics were cancelled during FY 20 remote learning, there was \$10,681.85 left on this line.

- f) Account # 12725129 / 500519 ES Field Trip Trans: Because field trips were cancelled during remote learning in FY 20, there was \$2,461.36 left on this line.
 - g) Account # 12725229 / 500519 MS Field Trip Trans: Because field trips were cancelled during remote learning in FY 20, there was \$4,025.44 left on this line.
 - h) Account # 12725329 / 500519 HS Field Trip Trans: Because field trips were cancelled during remote learning in FY 20, there was \$3,309.15 left on this line.
2. Please provide the same breakdown function/object code, for any expenses that were moved around either by journal entries or moved from one line into another that are \$5,000.00 or higher.

Attached in an excel spreadsheet called "Detail of Budget Amendments".

3. What was the total estimated surplus (money left not spent in the budget) prior to the School Board approving purchases starting last October to end of the year? And what was the total expended, please provide a breakdown by function/object code. The line on the monthly financial update (LESS SCHOOL BOARD APPVD PURCH) was on the report for 12/31/19 \$160,542 and 1/31/19 \$53,300 are there any more expenditures and if so please provide breakdown for each of these months as well as breakdown by function/object code for the two of above listed amounts, and any other added months expenditures from the estimated surplus.

Financials were presented on October 16, 2019 and the estimated surplus at that point in time was \$807,454. The link for those presented financials can be found at:

<https://www.sau33.com/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=2461&dataid=8239&FileName=Monthly%20Financial%20Update.pdf>

4. Please provide a Food Service breakdown separately for each school and time, how many meals were given out at no charge, and the cost. Then the same for the meals and revenue received prior to the school closing in March. Also who will be paying for these "free of charge meals"?

We cannot provide a breakdown by school after March 16th because all meals were distributed from one location in the District - the MS. At that point each student/meal was classified as a "bulk meal", which is what we were instructed to do by the USDA. This waiver from the USDA also required that we offer to ALL students that live in Raymond that were under the age of 18. So we did have some students not registered in our district (i.e. Home Schooled and Charter Schools). When the claim was submitted, they were all entered as "free" meals.

Please see attached spreadsheet by school and month. As you can see, it is only the MS from March 16 to June 30 because there was only 1 pickup location at the MS.

In regards to "free of charge meals", the USDA reimburses us for all free meals. Food costs had increased in the Spring as well as some people that pre-ordered meals did not pick them up.

5. Were there any negotiations with the bus companies to get a discount for not using the buses fully as per the contract, (except for the delivering).

The only negotiation that was made was that we would receive credits on our invoices because we told them we wanted to make sure that our Raymond bus drivers were still receiving a paycheck to ensure that we would still have them when we returned to having school in session. We were advised in the spring by the State/NHDOE to continue paying our employees and contractors during the COVID-19 shutdown to the best of our ability. That was good advice, since it turned out that the ESSER Fund Grant required that in the assurances (attached). In regards to transportation, there is bus driver shortage in the State as well as across the country. If we did not pay them, our drivers could have taken jobs elsewhere and when we returned in the fall, we may not have had drivers to begin the year. There are other local districts that are short 3 - 4 bus drivers.