

## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2016  
TEAO Room 200  
7:00 P.M.

### Attending all or part of the meeting:

**Board Committee Members:** Virginia Lastner, Chair, Kevin Buraks, Todd Kantorczyk, Roberta Hotinski

**Other Board Members:** Douglas Carlson, Rev. Scott Dorsey, Edward Sweeney, Kate Murphy, Michele Burger

**T/E School District Representatives:** Dr. Rich Gusick, Dr. Andrea Chipego, Jeanne Pocalyko, Art McDonnell, David Francella, Dr. Wendy Towle, Mark Cataldi, Dr. Mike Szymendera

**Other:** Christine Dunleavy, Christine Wright, Pattye Benson, Ray Clarke, Jessica Pragada, Lilliane Min, Wendy DeMarco, Jamie Lynch, Peg Layden

### **Community Members:**

### Approval of Minutes:

- The Committee approved the minutes of the November 22, 2016 meeting.

### Monthly/Year to Date Financial Report – November 2016:

- The Committee reviewed the Treasurer's report for November 2016. Mr. Francella reported that local revenue is trending lower than last year at this same period due to interim tax collections. State revenue is higher due to the fact that we hadn't received any subsidy payments at this point last year. Expenditures are consistent compared to this same period last year.
- Mr. Francella reviewed an updated summary of the Tax Appeals for 2016-17. The one remaining commercial property open appeal has an estimated revenue loss of \$12,045.

### FY 2016-2017 Update:

- Mr. McDonnell presented an estimate of the projected revenues and expenditures for the 2016-2017 year compared to the approved budget.

### FY 2017-2018 Budget Development:

- Mr. McDonnell presented several 2017-2018 budget projection models along with a budget summary that included an Act 1 tax increase of 2.5% and estimated referendum exception tax increases for PSERS and Special Education of .935% which produced an operating deficit of about \$1.8M.
- The Committee reviewed the 2017-2018 budget calendar and recommended sending a budget to the Board on January 3, 2017, that included revenues from the Act 1 index and referendum exceptions for their consideration.

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### **Basic Education Funding:**

- Mr. McDonnell presented a summary of slides presented by PSBA and PASBO detailing the new funding formula for the Basic Education subsidy. The new formula, based on major cost drivers, is designed to be more predictable and consistent funding for school districts. There was discussion regarding the negative impact on the total subsidy amount by the application of a local index factor tied to median household income.
- Based on the new funding formula, TESD received about \$122K more in basic education subsidy in the 2015-16 year and \$160K in the 2016-17 year.

### **Public Comment:**

- Ray Clarke commented on the 2017-2018 budget development.
- Pattye Benson commented on the 2017-2018 budget development.
- Lilliane Min commented on the 2017-2018 budget development.

### **Adjournment:**

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:48 P.M.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.