

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2017
TEAO Room 200
7:00 P.M.

Attending all or part of the meeting:

Board Committee Members: Todd Kantorczyk, Chair, Kevin Buraks, Rev. Scott Dorsey, Dr. Roberta Hotinski

Other Board Members: Douglas Carlson, Kate Murphy, Michele Burger, Virginia Lastner, Edward Sweeney

T/E School District Representatives: Dr. Rich Gusick, Dr. Andrea Chipego, Jeanne Pocalyko, Art McDonnell, David Francella, Chris Groppe, Mark Cataldi, Dr. Mike Szymendera, Dave Preston

Other: None

Community Members: Doug Anestad, Christine Wright, William Ristey, Ray Clarke, Tina Whitlow, Jamie Lynch, Liliane Min

Approval of Minutes:

- The Committee approved the minutes of the April 17, 2017 meeting.

Monthly/Year to Date Financial Report – April 2017:

- The Committee reviewed the Treasurer's report for April 2017. Mr. Francella reported that revenue and expenditures are consistent as compared to this period last year.
- Mr. Francella reported that we received notification from the State regarding the distribution of monies to schools from the State Gaming Fund to be used to supplant revenue lost from property tax credits to homestead eligible taxpayers. The total amount received was consistent with prior year amounts at approximately \$2.1M which translates to a 2017-18 Homestead Tax credit amount of \$183.96 per eligible taxpayer.

Other

- Mr. McDonnell reviewed the recently introduced State House legislation (HB 1213) by Rep. Kampf that would prevent schools from appealing the county established assessment of properties in the District.
- It was noted that this legislation would negatively impact the District in limiting its ability to appeal assessment's that were below market values. The Committee discussed the negative impact to revenue and the Board's prior resolution in opposition to such legislation.
- The Committee asked the Administration to reach out to local legislators to get feedback on their support/opposition to the bill. In addition, the Committee directed the Administration to resend the resolution to Rep. Kampf. The HB 1213 was discussed as a future agenda item for the Legislative Committee.

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Food and Nutrition Services 2017-18 Budget:

- Dave Preston presented the Food and Nutritional Services 2016-17 year-end projection showing a deficit of approximately \$14K. Mr. Preston explained the projected deficit being a result of increases in food, supplies, and benefit costs.
- Mr. Preston presented several 2017-18 budget scenarios that proposed price increases of varying amounts from no increase to \$.30 per meal. It was also noted that meal prices have not increased since 2014-15.
- The 2017-18 budget projection showed that without a meal price increase the deficit from 2016-2017 would increase to an estimated \$56,756 in 2017-18. The projection with the proposed price increase of \$.20 shows an estimated \$40,302 surplus in 2017-18. The need for Food and Nutritional Services fund to remain self-sufficient was discussed.
- The proposed \$.20 increase is for all schools and meals was approved by the Committee and recommended it be placed on the next Board consent agenda.

Kronos Agreement:

- Mr. Francella reviewed a Kronos Maintenance Agreement, which would replace an existing agreement with Immix. Kronos is the district's time management system, used by 385 employees and over 100 contractors. The agreement will cost the District an additional \$17,409 in 2017-18. However, the new agreement will provide better support, which includes Disaster Recovery capability. The Committee approved the new Kronos agreement and recommended it be placed on the next Board consent agenda.

Siteimprove Agreement:

- Dr. Szymendera reviewed the Siteimprove Subscription Agreement, which provides scanning services on the District website to check for document accessibility. The Office for Civil Rights is requiring school district websites be more accessible to the public. Dr. Szymendera stated that this is a temporary solution until the District completes its internal migration to an improved website. The cost will be \$10,593 for a 14-month subscription. The Committee approved the Siteimprove agreement and recommended it be placed on the next Board consent agenda.

FY 2017-2018 Budget Development:

- Mr. McDonnell reviewed the 2017-18 Proposed Final Budget that was approved by the Board on April 24, 2017, which included a tax rate increase of 3.406%. This increase includes the Act 1 index and the PDE approved referendum exceptions.
- Mr. McDonnell also reviewed the District's history of the Capital Funding Plan that has included a combination of transfers from the General Fund from committed fund balances and bond proceeds.

Public Comment:

- Ray Clarke commented on the Financial Reports
- Liliane Min commented on Food and Nutrition Services presentation
- Jamie Lynch commented on Food and Nutrition Services presentation
- Doug Anestad commented on the Reverse Tax Appeals discussion

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- William Ristey commented on the Kronos Agreement

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:01 P.M.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.