



Study Session-MINUTES

May 11, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – Central Office Conference Room

In attendance: J. Hackworth; L. Ashbaugh; M. McClure; D. Tompa; H. Dolan; A. Loeffler; D. DiPietro; M. DiNinno; T. Good; T. Nix; E. Hewitt; D. Zolkowski; M. Plance; S. Ogradowski; M. Baginski; Greg Smith, Metz Food Service

Absent: E. Tillman; L. Vitti

Tammy Good, Business Manager provided the board with a revised Proposed Final Budget as of May 15, 2015. She reviewed the changes since the proposed budget including:

- At this point, in time there will be no tax increase and millage rate will be set at 22.4462
- Still waiting for state property tax allocation
- Slight increase in Title I funds from last year
- Slight decrease from budget estimate for Title II funds
- \$4,500 increase to library for pop-up consideration requested by local library
- \$7,000 increase for junior high softball program
- \$17,530 increase for Food Service CEP program
- \$100,000 reduction for fund balance spending
- \$6,000 reduced for building improvements
- Decrease of approximately \$132,171 in estimated debt payments
- Increase of approximately \$17,000 for food service transfer for investments

Ms. Good explained that, at this point in time, this would result in an approximate \$183,033 budgetary reserve. The 2014 year end fund balance of approximately \$2,124,369 with a reduction of approximately \$500,000 for construction needs would result in a fund balance of approximately \$1,624,369. She also explained the potential surplus anticipated in 2015 would result in approximately \$1,874,369 fund balance monies.

The board continued in a discussion pertaining to the potential use of attrition with regard to the art teacher position that is currently open as a result of retirement. A decision was not finalized. It was agreed that this decision would be further reflected on and made within the next few weeks.

Ms. Good and Dr. DiNinno explained that a meeting is scheduled for this week to begin scheduling and planning for summer custodial work and the construction project.

Ms. Good provided the board with an update on the bond items and the status of the roof bids and construction project. She explained that debt service payments for 2015-2016 and beyond will be reduced by approximately \$40,000 and the life of the debt will extend by two years. Discussion pertaining to the cost of the dimmer board in the auditorium and District costs associated with the Pop-Up library placement at Verner was also conducted.

Mr. Hackworth reviewed appeals efforts with the board.

Ms. Good presented information pertaining to:

- a Fruit and Vegetable grant that is being planned at Verner for the 2016-2017 school year
- the potential to take advantage of a free breakfast and lunch program at Verner

- and the ability to update/replace food service equipment in the District through a no interest loan through Metz

She explained that the free breakfast/lunch program and loan figures are currently included in the Proposed Final Budget.

Dr. DiNinno reviewed the following topics indicating that board approval is being sought for each topic at next week's Regular Voting meeting:

- Graduation Candidates (pending Principal final approval and fulfillment of all requirements)
- SAT Prep Workshop – (11 students enrolled)
- Reading Series – Pearson Reading Street 2013 – information provided in board packet
- Pre-Calc Textbook
- Kinder Camp / Targeted Assistance
- Policies
 - Reading #2; Add Suicide Prevention-Reading #1; Adjust Volunteer Policy; Review/revise Bullying Policy
- Axis Architect Bill
- Forbes Budget
- Adelphoi Agreement 2015-16
- Notice of Adoption/Use of Funds – IU Part B Special Education
- SWPBIS Implementers' Forum participation
- Adoption of Proposed Final Budget
- Uncommitt Fund Balance monies
- Substitute Teacher additions
- Resignation: Custodian
- Supplemental:
 - 2015-2016 approval
- Director of Maintenance
- Bus Drivers
- Summer Custodial Workers

Dr. DiNinno reviewed the following topics through a board discussion:

- U.S. Open Agreements – in process; (Parking at HS, Babysitting at Tenth)
- Raider Contest
- Verner PennCan Award - June 3rd 6-8 Kaufman House, Pittsburgh
- Pop Up Library District potential costs – still gathering information on this
- Facility Rental use and fees

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45.

No executive session was held.

Upcoming Meetings:

- May 18, 2015 – Regular Voting Meeting
- June 1, 2015 – Open Budget Session
- June 15, 2015 – Student Life Committee / Study Session
- June 22, 2015 – Regular Voting Meeting, Final Budget Approval