



Budget Session - Minutes

June 1, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – High School Library

In Attendance: J. Hackworth, L. Ashbaugh, D. DiPietro, E. Tillman, M. McClure, D. Tompa, A. Loeffler; P. DiNinno, T. Good, T. Nix, D. Zolkowski, M. Plance, C. Stolish, J. Stolish, D. Lohr, J. Nehlsen. T. Lazor, K. DiPietro, T. DiPietro

Mr. Dick Jaynes provided the board with an update on the construction project and summer schedule for implementation. He also explained the need for potential change orders and explained that the summer work schedule is prioritizing the need for employees and students to use the gymnasium. Jaynes explained that Penn Dot agreed to pave an additional portion of the parking lot resulting in some credit to the district.

Business Manager/Finance Chair Comments

Mr. Tillman explained that there are no changes to the Proposed Preliminary Budget since the last update. The budget consists of \$20,400,000 in revenues and \$20,800,000 in expenses and the board will utilize \$500,000 of the \$700,000 set aside amounts for part of the construction project which will result in a change to the general fund but at this point there will be no tax increase. Mr. Tillman explained projected increases in EIT and Delinquent tax.

Hearing of Citizens

None

Topics for Discussion

- Ms. Good reviewed the Metz investment and CEP lunch program again with the board. She also answered questions pertaining to the regulations pertaining to each item. The board agreed to revisit both topics during the June Study Session. A decision needs to be made and approval for these programs is needed by the June meeting if the board opts to participate in either program.
- Director of Facilities – Dr. DiNinno and Ms. Good reviewed the need for a District wide Maintenance Plan and answered questions pertaining to how the contracted service of FMS will be provided to the District. The board agreed to approve a formal motion approving an agreement with Facilities Management Services. A formal motion was presented to the board and the motion to approve the agreement between FMS and the RSD passed with 7 board members voting yes and 0 board members voting no.
- Pop-Up library – Verner – Dr. DiNinno reviewed the value of the Carnegie Library's proposal to operate a Pop Up library at Verner Elementary. She also reviewed financial implications, logistics, and the general program operation. The board agreed to approve a formal motion approving the Pop-Up library program. A formal motion was presented to the board and the motion Pop-Up Library program passed with 7 board members voting yes and 0 board members voting no.
- Art Teacher Position – Attrition vs Replacement – The board discussed both curricular and fiscal implications associated with using attrition or replacing the Art teacher position vacated through the retirement of an employee. The board agreed to continue discussion at the June Study Session. The position is currently still in the Proposed Budget.

Hearing of Citizens

- Christopher Stolish petitioned the board to consider dismissing employee healthcare debts for his wife and others. The board indicated they were reviewing the topic. Solicitor Pat Clair indicated that the matter was a personnel topic and would not be discussed further in a public forum.

Upcoming Meetings:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:29

An executive session was held from approximately 8:30 until 9:45 to discuss personnel matters.