

Study Session / Finance Committee Tax Meeting

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October 14, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Tenth Street Library

In Attendance:

Dr. McClure, Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mrs. Aughenbaugh, Mr. DiClaudio, Mr. DiPietro, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Hurt-Robinson (via phone), Mrs. Schaaf, Dr. DiNinno, Ms. Good, Mr. Muscante

Absent: Dr. Loeffler

Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Rizzo, Mr. Zolkowski, Dr. English, Dr. Monroe, Mr. Pater, Ms. Pallone, Ms. Wilton, Ms. Chaparro, Ms. Miller

Announcements

At 7:01, Dr. DiNinno welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared that the Study Session is a meeting that takes place in the public in preparation for items being considered for approval at next week's Regular Voting Board meeting.

Dr. DiNinno thanked everyone for their support of Governor Wolf's visit to Riverview. She shared that Senator Costa, Mr. Dermody, School Board members, representatives from the Intermediate Unit as well as other participated in the visit. She indicated that she was proud of the way the students and staff shared the wonderful things that are happening in classrooms at Riverview.

Dr. DiNinno congratulated and thanked Mr. Pater for his commitment to providing a healthy learning environment for all of the students at Riverview through his commitment to air quality, lead testing, and radon testing. She asked Mr. Pater to share details related to Riverview being recognized at the Healthy Schools Summit, by Women for A Healthy Environment as a result of our commitment to and for our progress in creating healthier learning environments. Mr. Pater shared updates on several ways he has worked to accomplish these goals and the use of grant funding to assist. Dr. DiNinno thanked Mr. Pater and all involved for their commitment to this important facet of education. She reminded everyone that no matter what role they play at Riverview, custodian, administrator, secretary, teacher, paraprofessional, parent, etc., we all impact learning and students.

Dr. DiNinno reviewed the following items as potential motions for approval at next week's Regular Voting Meeting

Personnel

- Supplementals:
 - Academic: Safety Coordinator, Ecology Club, Tenth Street Student Council, Music Dept. Chair, Elementary and Secondary Orchestra Directors, K-8 STEM Coordinator
 - Athletic: Volleyball Volunteer, Junior High Boys Basketball
 - Dr. DiNinno held a discussion related to the value of the K-8 STEM Coordinator and how it can be supported through funds already in this year's budget.
- Student Teacher: Penn State - Math JSHS
- Substitutes
- Bus Drivers

Agreements/Contracts:

- Agreement – Forbes Child Nutrition Programs Participation
- Title IIA Riverview and AIU

Other:

- Model UN – Columbia University – January 16-19

Board Policies/Governance:

- Third Reading: 201 (Admission of Students) 204 (Withdrawal from School)
- Budgetary Outlines: Junior Class, Senior Class (possibly more to be added over the next week)
- Booster Clubs and Games of Chance: Cheer, Lady Raider Basketball Alumni and Friends, Band Boosters, Verner PTO, Tenth Street PTO (possibly more to be added over the next week)
 - Mr. DiClaudio shared that the district has reached out to the Wrestling Booster group in an effort to obtain necessary paperwork and no response from wrestling, therefore the booster will not be recognized in good standing with the District and will not be permitted to use the Raider “R” for fundraising or able to renew their game of chance license if applicable.

Dr. DiNinno asked the Finance Committee to share updates and reminded everyone that this meeting is also a Finance Committee Tax Meeting. She indicated that we are now starting the process of planning the 2020-2021 budget. The state has provided us with information related to the index, and other.

Ms. Good shared the following updates:

- Pay Apps and Change Orders
- Box Truck
- Facility Update

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Ms. Good reviewed the topics listed below and indicated that at the November meeting, as a result of state timelines and election year timeline implications, the board will need to consider whether or not they want to pass a resolution in November pertaining to whether they want to pass a resolution not to exceed the index.

- Local Audit finished up beginning of October. Local auditors still missing the GASB 75 report and Fixed Asset report to complete the audit. The District will see a positive change of fund balance at approximately \$1.5 million. A fund balance designation will need to be completed at the November meeting. The local auditor stated his firm did not have any management comments or findings and planned to issue a clean unqualified report.
- 2020-2021 Act 1 Index and Budget Process
 - Index = 2.6%, Ms. Good reminded the board that again the index fell short of the predictions of the Independent Fiscal Office (IFO)
 - Need to consider whether or not to increase millage beyond index in November in order to meet the timelines under Act 1.
 - Discussion of potential exceptions, Ms. Good explained that likely the District would not qualify for the Retirement Exception and the Special Education Exception would have minimal impact to a tax increase.
 - Act 1 Budget Timeline
- New Facilities Master Plan/Potential New Bond/Potential New ESCO Project with Ten
- Preparing RFP for Food Services 2020-2026
- Interim Tax Update
 - Edgewater 150/175 sold
 - Brooks and Blair: 26/97 sold
 - Lag at getting on the books at the County level continues
- Potential hazardous Walking Route request granted nonhazardous by Penn Dot
- Verner Learning Space Grant needs and additional fundraiser: will cross fiscal year and need to be moved to capital resource and use as a fund balance

- Thanks to Mr. Tillman for his efforts in leading the way to secure additional funds for supporting the project

Committee Updates

Student Life:

Mr. DiClaudio shared that Homecoming Festivities went well, preparations for the musical are underway with students/group leaders working on the selection and next steps for auditions. The musical will take place in April. The Hulton Bridge sculpture has been built, the next step is painting it and adding an informational plaque. A celebration ribbon cutting will be planned.

Education:

Mrs. Ashbaugh and Mr. Zolkowski shared that a Little Free Library will be created by the Student Council at Tenth Street. Mr. Hewitt shared that Model UN team will conduct a fundraiser teaching Spanish and French to elementary students after school. Dr. Monroe shared details related to "Lights On After School" event that will take place on October 24th at Verner. All are invited to the grant funded mindfulness activity event that will be run by students. Mr. Hewitt shared that the Key Club will conduct a Guinness Record activity sewing sock puppets in the spring. Mr. Hewitt shared the Educator in the Workforce event that administrators and counselors will be attending and Dr. DiNinno indicated that she learned much by touring several businesses last week who emphasized the need for soft skills and the ability for employees to communicate well and work well with others. She shared that she would like to see more of our students taking tours of businesses to learn more about future employer needs. Dr. English provided an update on math resources and professional development being provided for teachers. Dr. DiNinno shared that parent resources are also going to be provided and the administrative team had a good meeting pertaining to PVAAS and ways to assist students with annual growth.

Eastern Area Schools:

Mrs. Aughenbaugh shared that Sunrise is in the process of addressing a roof matter, and obtaining several items to address school security including walkie talkies and surveillance cameras. Dr. DiNinno shared that she is looking forward to visiting Sunrise.

The meeting ended at 9:01 pm.