

School Board Report  
Sarah Olbrich  
School Board President  
May 18, 2020

### **Budget**

Tonight the Board will vote on the Proposed Final Budget for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the unprecedented circumstances we find ourselves in due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board will vote on a budget with a zero mill increase. We are bringing this budget forward without a millage increase because we did not want to place an undue burden on our community during this historic public health and economic crisis. The Proposed Final Budget for the 2020-2021 school year is in the amount of \$105,724,915 setting the millage rate at 24.79, utilizing \$2,775,000 of the Fund Balance revenues. The Proposed Final Budget maintains programs, current staffing levels, and current capital projects.

### **Recovery Steering Committee**

At the beginning of this month, Dr. Steinhauer convened the first meeting of the very important District Recovery Steering Committee. The committee, representing all facets of our school community, will lead our efforts in planning for the safe return of our staff and students for the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Strotmeyer and I are on the committee so we can certainly attest to the careful and thoughtful way the framework has been developed to guide the decision making. I want to assure you that all facets of the planning will keep the safety and health of our students and staff at the forefront. The steering committee will rely on the expert guidance of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Allegheny County Health Department, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the CDC. I want to thank Dr. Steinhauer, Dr. Irvin, and Dr. Davis and every member of the steering committee for the extensive research and organizational work they have done to launch the task force. You can visit the District's website for more information about the committee. Last week, at the behest of several community members, a board member mentioned that the board has previously made resolutions to the state, seeing as we have had several emails both for and against such a resolution, I am asking my fellow board members, with whom I have the utmost trust, does anyone have any comments or would anyone like to write such a resolution?