

**STRONGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 17, 2018
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Finance Committee meeting began at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at **the Administration Building, Media Center, 18199 Cook Avenue, Strongsville, Ohio.**

All members of the Board and media were notified of this meeting in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C., effective November 28, 1975.

The following Board Member was in attendance: Col. Duke Evans.

Committee members and Administration present were: Mr. Dustin Hayden, Mr. Steve Kilo, Mr. Brian Krusz, Mr. Dennis Kubick, Mr. Brian Wellman, Mr. Cameron Ryba, Mr. George Anagnostou, and Ms. Jenni Pelko. Ms. Carol Lake arrived at 6:35. Mr. Brain Jungeburg arrived at 6:41.

WELCOME

The Finance Committee is made up of District and community representatives. Members are encouraged to offer suggestions and opinions based on their area of expertise to improve the financial health of the District. Mr. Anagnostou has scheduled the meeting dates and topics as listed below:

- October 17, 2018 – Levy Update & Reappraisal, Five Year Forecast Update, and Health Insurance Renewal Review.
- February 4, 2019 – Financial Update, Review of Annual Audit and Food Service Review
- April 29, 2019 – Spring Five Year Forecast Review and Food Service Review (continuation if needed)
- May 29, 2019 – Investments Review, Property Insurance Renewal review and Food Service Determination

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Col. Evans to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2018 Finance Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Kubick.

OLD BUSINESS

- Five year Forecast Update
 - State Funding Reductions (2007-present)
 - Elimination of Tangible Personal Property Tax
 - Reduction of \$8.6 million annually
 - Local Funding Reductions (2018-present)
 - Cleveland Clinic awarded tax exempt status – designated as non-profit entity
 - Reduction of \$400,000 annually due to the Clinic’s exemption
 - Tax refund of \$2 million to Cleveland Clinic
 - ❖ Refund from five years of taxes. Deducted from tax settlement.
 - Mr. Anagnostou explained deficit spending.
 - Mr. Anagnostou reviewed the cost efficiency measures the District has implemented since 2007 to present.
 - Options to consider
 - Reduce expenses by implementing additional cost cutting measures that would negatively impact student opportunities, services, resources, and staffing levels.
 - Increase revenue by going to the community asking for a new general operating levy.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

- Levy Update
 - Mr. Anagnostou explained how the levy millage was determined
 - Levy on November 2018 ballot; Continuous; 7.9 mills
 - Monthly Cost per \$100K home value - \$23/month
 - Operating Levy will help fund
 - Programs
 - Services
 - Resources
 - People
 - Mr. Anagnostou explained the Strongsville reappraisal of property.
 - The Law – HB 920
 - Impact to Homeowners
 - Mr. Anagnostou explained the ballot language and how a homeowner can calculate their tax rate.
 - Strongsville’s tax rates among the lowest in Cuyahoga County, but school performance ranks amongst the top in the state.

NEW BUSINESS

- Health Insurance Renewal
 - Medical Insurance has been Self Insured since January 2014
 - Dental and Vision are fully insured.
 - Open enrollment is November 1, 2018 – November 30, 2018
 - Underwriting performed by Medical Mutual
 - Stop Loss Premium discussed
 - Insurance Renewal Rates discussed
 - Mr. Anagnostou shared two options for insurance renewal premium rates
 - Discussion was had and ideas shared.

OTHER

None.

MEETING NOTIFICATION

The next meeting will be February 4, 2019, at the Administrative Offices, 18199 Cook Avenue, Strongsville, OH. The topics to be discussed are Financial Update, Review of Annual Audit and Food Service Review

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Col. Evans to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting and seconded by Mr. Kubick.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Evangelista
Executive Secretary to the Treasurer