Winona Area Public Schools
Finance Committee
9/9/2021 Minutes
2:00 p.m. in person

Members Present: *Nancy Denzer, Steve Schild, Karl Sonneman, Annette Freiheit, Sarah Slaby*

Members Absent: *none*

Others Present: *Alexandra Retter (Winona Post), Paul Aplikowski (WOLD), Ben Beery (WOLD), Michael McArdle (WAPS)*

Call to Order/Welcome
Welcome & Attendance (called to order at 2:00 pm)

Continued Facility Discussion
Paul Aplikowski and Ben Beery of WOLD provided additional data regarding indoor air quality options at W-K and Jefferson elementary. Committee requested that Ehlers be involved in developing updated financial numbers for the October Finance Committee meeting The work of developing a proposal to bring forward to the full board was carried forward to the October Finance Committee meeting.

Review Meeting Minutes
- Meeting minutes for both the 8/17/2021 and 8/30/2021 were recommended to move on to the consent agenda by the group.

Review of the Consent Agenda
- The consent agenda for the next board meeting was brought to the committee for review.
    - Payment Register
        - Document reflects August 2021, provided in both summary and detail versions
        - Requested follow-up for Hammer & Fowler, Zaner-Bloser, Merchants Financial
    - Consent Agenda
        - Document reflects August 2021
    - Budget Analysis
        - 2021 General Fund revenues currently at 98.9% of budget
        - 2021 General Fund expenditures currently at 96.7% of budget

Contracts
- UW-River Falls Student Teaching Agreement
    - Moved to Consent Agenda.
- Hiawatha Valley Mental Health
    - Moved to Consent Agenda.
- School Nutrition Program Joint Agreement (Cotter)
    - Moved to Consent Agenda.
- St. Charles ABE Operating Contract
    - Moved to Consent Agenda.
- Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI)

○ Moved to Consent Agenda.

Bid - Dental

● Bid Information provided to committee, recommendation to move ahead with least expensive option, Blue Cross Blue Shield with monthly single rate of $40.04 and family rate of $105.16 representing a 3.7% change from current rates.

Levy Limitation

● Administration provided a first look at proposed levy numbers provided by the Minnesota Department of Education. It was noted that the levy related to Adults With Disabilities was missing from the Community Education levy (approximately $12,500). Outside of this known error, the overall levy change is showing a decrease of 1.47%. The comparison will be provided to the full board at the October 16, 2021 board meeting at which time the board will be asked to approve a MAXIMUM preliminary levy.

Potential Refunding of Debt Issues

● An analysis of possible debt refunding possibilities were shared with the committee. Given the low savings level, the committee chose not to pursue it.

COVID-19 Grants

● An updated snapshot of the COVID-19 related grants as of 9/7/2021 was provided for informational purposes.

FY22 Budget Process - What went well, what needs improvement

● In the interest of time, decided to table until next meeting.

Adjournment

● Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.