Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education
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Monday, September 17, 2018

In attendance were: Committee members Janet Morgan, George Bauer, Dave Lampart, Michael Devine, Also in attendance were Wayne McAllister, Chrissy Fensore, Maryanne Van Aken and BOE clerk Natascha Schwartz.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm

Mr. McAllister presented the 2018-19 YTD revenues and expenditures as of August 31, 2018.   7.68% $31,379,437& expenditures report. Everything is in line compared to the past 4-5 years with at this time of year. Total revenues are $29,289,650 representing 13.83%. Total expenditures to date are $31,379,437 representing 7.68%. Mr. McAllister noted that the last line item on the expenditures spreadsheet show that the additional ASTE Grant was used as a revenue item and State statute does not allow the additional grant money to be used to supplant expenses, but rather can be used to supplement expenses. As the Region will not be using it as revenue, there is a shortfall of $293,912. This money cannot be used as revenue for the 1st year but can as of year 2. As part of the 2017-2018 budget close out, $127K was transferred to capital reserves and noted that the Region is able to move it back to general fund for the Agriscience project if need be.

Mr. McAllister went over the NHS building project expenses through 12/31/18. He advised that Colliers projected $8.1M instead of the initial August projection of $3.7M. Mr. Bauer wanted to know if this amount was just used sooner than projected and if the $4M discrepancy put the cash flow in jeopardy. Mr. McAllister will reach out to Scott Pellman to get all of the information as to why there was such a large discrepancy between the projects numbers and actuals.

2019-2020 Debt Service – Mr. McAllister included minutes for May meeting minutes and went over the document that was presented during that meeting. He referred the committee to the document which was the proposed debt analysis for scenario 1. It showed a change in debt service of $831K and the following page showed the breakdown of scenario 1. It was an estimated amount and at the bottom of page noted the difference of $718K instead of $831K. He advised that the Region is taking all of the premiums up front.

Mr. Devine wanted clarification on the sale of the general obligation bond. He asked that if there were different interest rates and when the best price was calculated overall, did they consider how payments were mapped out? Mr. McAllister pointed out the annual payments in the document provided by Barry Bernabe.

Other business:
Ms. Morgan noted that she doesn't recall seeing any transfers last year and to make sure that the Board will see them this year. Mr. McAllister assured Ms. Morgan that it will be done quarterly and that typically there are no transfers in 1st quarter.

Mr. Bauer advised that he'd like to have quarterly report updates for SpEd funding as has been communicated in past years. Ms. Fensore agreed that the numbers will present quarterly as per usual.

Mr. Devine had a question to the Interim Director of Finance during the June 11, 2018 meeting, which was not addressed. He wanted to know which line item in the budget was the $25K for the removal of the new central office carpet charged against. The committee has also discussed capital spending for a handful of miscellaneous projects such as replacement of alarm systems in certain buildings, etc. He wanted to know what the threshold was for each and who made those decisions? Those miscellaneous projects were taken from the operating budget but where was the $25K taken from? Ms. Schwartz to look for audio files and to send to Mr. McAllister and Mr. Devine.

Hearing no further business, Ms. Morgan motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Lampart.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regional School District 14 Board Clerk

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