

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a Special Meeting for General Purposes including the Adoption of the 2021 Proposed Final Budget on Monday, November 9, 2020 immediately following a Budget and Finance Committee Meeting.

1. Call to Order

President Gilmartin called the meeting to order at 7:39pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call-By the Secretary

Present: Directors Cruz, Dempsey, Fox, Hume, Malloy, McAndrew, Yanni, Gilmartin.

Absent: Director Welby.

5. Public Comment – No one signed up to speak.

Action: 6.01 {B-1} Approve Proposed 2021 Final Budget

Approve the Proposed version of the Final Budget as attached for the year 2021. The Public School Code of 1949, as amended, requires the formation and approval of the Proposed Version of the Final Budget. The obligation for the approval is placed upon the School Board based upon information and exchanged between the Administration and the School Board and the Board of School Directors of the City of Scranton is hereby in position to carry out its legal obligation. Copies of the Proposed Version of the Final Budget, as adopted, will be made available for public inspection on the district website and the Albright Memorial Library. The Board Secretary shall advertise the action hereby taken in accordance with law, and be subjected to approval of all documentation by the District Solicitor.

Director Yanni made a motion, seconded by Director Dempsey and passed with seven (7) affirmative and one (1) negative. Director McAndrew voted in the negative.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McAndrew has more questions especially about a tax increase and will be voting no.

Director Yanni mentioned that this is a work in progress; they need to do this to allow Mr. Laffey and the administrative team to continue to work on the budget.

President Gilmartin agreed that we are taking no action this evening, this is simply a step in the budgeting process and there will be more information shared. Ms. Gilmartin thanked Mrs. Yanni for clarifying that.

Director Malloy doesn't really have more questions and based on the very comprehensive and illuminating information and presentations that were given by Mr. Laffey, Mr. Tyson and Miss Westerman and Dr. Finan he plans on voting yes.

Action: 6.02 {B-2} Authorize to Advertise Bids for First Tax Anticipation Note for the Year 2021. Authorize the Business Office of the Scranton School District to advertise for bids from local lending institutions in the Scranton Area for the First Tax Anticipation Note for the Year 2021. There will be a Capital Working deficit in the beginning of the year 2021 and it is necessary to borrow funds to meet said deficit in the first part of the year 2021 until revenues are

generated and it is the desire of the Board to borrow said funds through the use of Tax Anticipation Notes and is the desire of the Board to seek bids from local lending institutions for the First Tax Anticipation Note for the year 2021.

Director Yanni made a motion, seconded by Director Malloy and passed unanimously on roll call.

Action: 6.03 {E-1} Motion to Approve Zito Communications MOU Extension of Agreement Approve Memorandum of Understanding to extend Zito Communications Agreement as outlined in the attached. Monthly Recurring Charge (MRC) is \$1,354.00 over the next five months (November 2020, December 2020, January 2021, February 2021 and March 2021). Any DID's ported above the contracted threshold of 300 shall be subject to additional MRC.

Director Hume made a motion, seconded by Director Malloy and passed unanimously on roll call.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Yanni asked Mr. Dougherty to explain this for the public.

Mr. Dougherty said we are in the process of converting the phone systems, the copper lines, landlines, over to VOIP, internet-based phone systems that will save us funding once that process is complete. Mr. Dougherty added that the initial contract was signed in 2018 and it was determined that our own two network administrators would do the installation however our network administrators have a lot of other responsibilities and the project has not been finished yet but with this extension of the original contract they will have the project wrapped up by July and does not raise any monthly payments; it is just giving them additional time to get it installed and utilize these services.

Director Gilmartin asked if the number is based on what we need in the district.

Mr. Dougherty said we will be using less numbers that we use now because we have too many that are not being used.

At this time Director Hume announced it is School Psychologist Week and thanked our school psychologists. Dr. Baddick also offered her thanks and gratitude.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Dempsey, seconded by Director Cruz and the meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

By: _____