

Conneaut School District Finance/Budget Committee

March 30, 2015

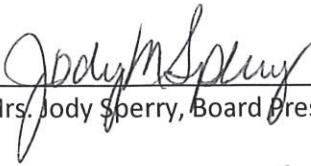
The meeting of the Finance/Budget Committee was called to order at 2:00 pm on Monday, March 30, 2015 as advertised in the Central Office Conference Room. Present for the meeting were Directors Dorothy Luckock, David Schaefer and Jody Sperry; Business Manager Kara Onorato, and Superintendent Jarrin Sperry.

The committee met with the following budget areas and administration to review their proposed budget requests; received additional information; review current staff and discuss any questions:

- Food Service – Sharon Gruver and Erin Braden from Nutrition, Inc. Items discussed included the 100% whole grain mandate – currently under a waiver; the amount of food being thrown away by students under the newer healthier guidelines; prices for next year; bad debt policy and smart snacks. The recommendation of the committee will be to take a minor increase of 5¢ for the 2015-16 year.
- Maintenance – Carly Schell – Discussed in more depth was the proposed costs of lawncare and what it covered; as well as whether to include a line item in this budget for unforeseen issues such as a contingency fund.
- Conneaut Valley Elementary – Adam Jardina – Briefly reviewed the incoming Kindergarten registrations and Jarrin will be reviewing all class sizes and staffing with all administrators shortly.
- Conneaut Lake Elementary – Doug Parks – Same as CV Elem.
- Athletics – John Acklin – In particular it was noted that CVMS missed coaches in the current budget; and also that the athletic trainers for the district missed at \$28,000. A few other items reviewed were proposed uniform replacements; the automatic shoulder pad/helmet replacement schedule for football; the “Huddle” program now used by Football in lieu of scouting trips; Coaches Professional Development and mandatory training for coaches and volunteers.

Kara presented an example of a budget book/presentation from another district to see how the committee liked the proposed format for public information/review document of the budget. The consensus was in favor of this type of document as more “readable”.

The next meetings are scheduled for the Wednesday, April 15 at 2:00 pm; and Wednesday, April 29 at 3:00 pm in the Large Conference room. At each meeting we will be reviewing budget information from the following budget areas: Business Office, Personnel, Retirements/Staffing as well as determining overall cut level, use of fund balance and/or if need a tax increase to balance the budget. At this time plans are to budget state funding at prior year levels. Then if new state budget has increases, will adjust accordingly.


Mrs. Jody Sperry, Board President


Ms. Kara Onorato, Board Secretary


Mrs. Dorothy Luckock, Committee Chairperson