Conneaut School District Finance/Budget Committee

May 7, 2018

The meeting of the Finance/Budget Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on May 7, 2018 as advertised in the Large Conference room in the Central Office. Present for the meeting were Directors Dorothy Luckock, Jamie Hornstein (by phone) and Thersessa Miller, Business Manager Greg Mayle and Superintendent Jarrin Sperry.

This meeting was to wrap up some loose ends and discussion on the final proposed budget, up for approval at the Weds. May 9 board meeting. A reminder that it is the proposed being approved, with final approval in June after the 30 day public inspection period.

1. Staffing – Jarrin met with the Middle School principals, Spec Ed director and Curriculum director to discuss ways to incorporate into the schedule larger blocks of time for Math and English/Language Arts. 2 options were presented for review – 1 teacher and 4 aides (LS teacher at CLMS and 2 aides at each CV and CL middle schools) and an option of 2 teachers with 3 aides. The current plan is to move Math and ELA both to 70-75 minutes. Schedules will now be more congruent between the 2 middle schools. It was noted that at CLMS some student have an earlier departure making the last period of the day normally a flexible tutorial period. After discussion on the pros & cons the committee is recommending to stay with what is in the proposed budget of 1 teacher and 4 aides. Noting that moving to the option of 2 teachers and 3 aides an anticipated additional increase in costs of over $63,000. Discussion included further analysis during the 2018/19 school year.

2. Transportation update – Greg and Jarrin will be meeting with Anderson Coach and Travel to work on an addendum to the existing contract for 1 more year. In addition a change is anticipated in the area of the fuel being purchased by the district. Their goal is to bring to the June meeting an agreement for approval.

3. Capital Projects list – some clarification was provided that even though projects are listed, they are not necessarily firmly on a schedule, nor in the budget. The only items up for approval at this time are the sanding, etc. of the competition gym floor at CVMS; pointing of bricks and “tile test” to determine if going to tile from carpet is beneficial.

4. May 21 meeting was determined to be cancelled.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4 also at 4:00 pm in the Conference room in Central Office.

Dorothy Luckock, Board President

Greg Mayle, Board Secretary