

**Conneaut School District Finance/Budget Committee**

**March 23, 2020**

The meeting of the Finance/Budget Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm on March 23, 2020 as advertised in the Conference Room in the Central Office. Present for the meeting were Directors Dorothy Luckock, Jamie Hornstein and Theresa Miller, Business Manager Greg Mayle and Superintendent Jarrin Sperry. Also present was member of the public/media.

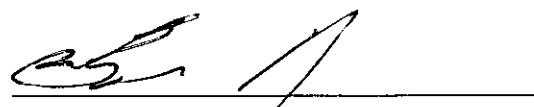
This meeting was held in the conference room while trying to maintain "social distancing" guidelines of 6 feet between people.

- Greg reviewed the budgets for Superintendent and the Board.
  - Reductions were made in the proposed areas of board travels and registrations now that the PSBA all access membership reduces costs. It was noted that during 2021 will begin contract negotiations which may entail some meals for the negotiating team meetings. The software in the budget is for Agenda Manager. Greg mentioned that he will plan, with our approval, to move the Community Involvement Budget line item into the board budget area.
  - Jarrin adjusted some of his categories and it was noted that the School Messenger costs are in his budget as district wide services.
- Substitutes – Greg presented a detailed report that has been created to better track subs and long-term sub costs per building and educational area. Currently we are using Kelly Services and the "fill rate" is sometimes lacking. There is another vendor in the area and Greg is gathering more information.
- Student Accounting – the following areas were on a report for our review – in these cases, we actually have no "say" in that they are Special Ed placements or due to Emotional Support or court ordered. The areas include Bethesda Alt Ed contract, Tuition – placements in other districts such as Autistic or multi-disability classroom, Cyber Charter Schools (currently at maybe 68 kids, and Tuition detention centers.
- Greg reported that coming up is an opportunity for a bond refinancing. Nick F. of PNC will come to a board meeting to review this information. Actual transaction would not occur until the fall.

Given the Covid-19 scenario, Rick Kelly and Jarrin are having in depth discussion regarding remote meetings. It was mentioned the possibility of either Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Jamie and Theresa were both familiar with Teams and recommended that as reliable.

The next meeting is scheduled for Weds. April 1 at 5:30 pm prior to the Worksession.

  
Dorothy Luckock, Board President

  
Greg Mayle, Board Secretary