

Conneaut School District Finance/Budget Committee

March 4, 2020

The meeting of the Finance/Budget Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm on March 4, 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. There was a person interning with Susie D. Also present were two members of the public/media.


- Rick Kelly was present regarding the technology budget. His spreadsheet showed that he tried to keep his budget slightly lower than previous year. Some items to note:
 - He has traditionally kept extra in the “erate” category in case it wasn’t approved. He may adjust that down with the idea that being a federal program hopefully we would receive enough notice if reinstatement is necessary.
 - Several large multi-year contracts are due this coming year such as firewall, antivirus and file cloud backup
 - Continues to do replacements in teacher desktops, touch televisions, etc.
 - Chromebooks are being moved into the middle school with new cases being purchased. In future years we will need to be aware that some ipads may need to be purchased for elementary as that is the preferred devices by that staff.
 - Planning for multi-year and future includes:
 - Erate category 2 purchases
 - Virtual hosts at each building
 - Wireless upgrade at CASH
 - Possible some capital project of servers
 - It was also noted that the 1:1 Chromebook budget category currently listed under Centrally Budgeted item may move into this budget.
- Greg gave an update on the overall budget at this point.
 - Revenues of \$39,828,354 (compared to current \$39,462,126)
 - Expenditures of \$40,767,963 (compared to current \$39,811,193)
 - Shortfall = \$939,609 (compared to current \$349,067)
 - Noting that during current year we did not have to transfer monies into the capital projects. Drafted in the new budget includes a transfer of \$500,000. It was also mentioned that if the current year “comes out ahead” that we may utilize some of that in lieu of a transfer in the new budget year.
- Meeting Schedule – in addition to the established meetings at 5:30 on worksession night the following were agreed upon with the anticipated topics:
 - Monday March 16
 - Already established - Weds. April 1 – Special Ed, Superintendent and Board budgets
 - Monday April 20
 - Already established – Weds May 6 – Maintenance
 - Weds. May 20
 - Already established – Weds. June 3 – Curriculum, Subs, IU Contracts

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- The other topics remaining to be assigned to the added meetings include:
 - Building budget
 - Athletics
 - Revenue
 - Student Accounting
 - Personnel – with the reminder that the rescind date for teaching staff is April 1

Discussion was held regarding the timing for approvals of the preliminary budget, then the 30 day wait period until formal approval. It was suggested to consider adding a voting meeting to the May 6 worksession date to enable adoption of the proposed budget; then permitting the formal final approval on the June 10 standard voting meeting. This will avoid having a special meeting in June on an additional date.


Dorothy Luckock, Board President


Greg Mayle, Board Secretary