

**Conneaut School District Finance/Budget Committee**

**May 20, 2020**

The meeting of the Finance/Budget Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm on May 20, 2020 with this meeting held remotely due to Coronavirus Stay-at-home and physical distancing guidelines. Present for the meeting remotely were Directors Dorothy Luckock, Jamie Hornstein and Theresa Miller, Business Manager Greg Mayle and Superintendent Jarrin Sperry. Present in the ASA gym as part of the remote meeting was one member of the public/media and Rick Kelly who was facilitating.

- Brenda Kantz and Diane Reynolds were available to review the Curriculum budget and field any questions. It was noted that some items have been moved around in the budget and they were reviewed. Overall, this was down 3%
  - It was noted that the German teacher has taken on the ESL (English as a second language) which will save us monies previously sent to the IU. Our thanks to her and her willingness to take this on. Currently there are 2 students – 1 each at CVMS and CASH.
  - Concerns over finalizing the middle school science curriculum update were discussed. They were part way through when the shut-down occurred. At this time in the 20/21 budget is planned middle school science and high school English. Also elementary science was noted. Discussed were what options if something not accomplished and carried into the next year.
- Middle School Athletics – budgets were reviewed for both buildings and highlighted were the additions of 5 & 6 grade basketball and volleyball for both boys and girls in both buildings. Both these budgets were up overall (items other than the added sports as noted above) – but both building budgets were down so it was agreed to let these stand as is.
- Budget Update – We now have the information on IU contracts, and they are up approx. \$100,000 (from \$915,000). Greg and Susy are still reviewing the details. We still have no additional information regarding the state budget. With this increase noted above, we are still hoping to keep the final budget as balanced without a fund balance transfer. Will know more in a couple weeks.
- Debt Service fund – Greg explained that if we proceed with the bond refinancing in the fall of 2020 that he is required to show in the budget both the revenue and expense. In other words, approx. \$9,000,000 will need to be added into the budget. The pros and cons of utilizing the separate debt service fund as was done in the past was discussed. It was noted that when doing year to year comparisons that this will distort the data in that year. One member was passionate that the public does not understand the multiple funds and has the impression that monies are being “hidden” as if to not pay the teachers extra. All agreed that everything must be disclosed and it was discussed in further detail. Greg was not willing to create the debt service fund without a unanimous recommendation. Special notes will need to be made on this budget as a reminder in future years as to the distortion.
- Meeting dates – We have one meeting left prior to the vote on the final budget. We want to review Special Ed and High School Athletics. Greg is to send the documents out in advance and

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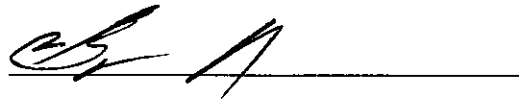
all members were encouraged to communicate their questions prior to the meeting. This will conserve our time as Greg will be able to review and answer more quickly. A reminder that the meeting is prior to the worksession so time is limited.

- A request was made regarding some system for status and notes/comments if a project is moved from one year to another within the Capital Projects list. Greg is to get with Frank to see if this system is already in place and could be added to a report for our review.

Currently, we anticipate having remote meetings until further notice. We will make every effort to maintain our meeting schedule. The next scheduled meeting is Weds. June 3 at 5:30 pm.



Dorothy Luckock, Board President



Greg Mayle, Board Secretary