

Conneaut School District Finance/Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

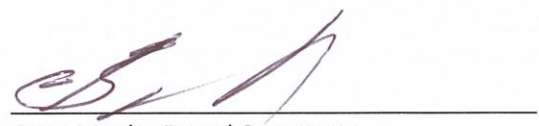
April 7, 2021

The meeting of the Finance/Budget Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm on April 7 in the ASA meeting room. Present for the meeting were Directors Dorothy Luckock, Jamie Hornstein and Theresa Miller, Business Manager Greg Mayle and Superintendent Jarrin Sperry. Rick Kelly who was facilitating the Teams connection, if needed, was also present. There was 1 member of the public.

- Budget Update –At this evening’s worksession Greg will be presenting a budget update. A reminder that the stimulus money will “balance” the budget, but we are still watchful due to the “actual” deficit. More work still to be done prior to May final proposed version.
- Special Education budget was reviewed with an approx. \$17,000 increase. All agreed that this is a challenging one as costs can really fluctuate due to students we have, move in or out, etc. Most of the work on this budget was while Susy Dressel was still available (prior to her medical leave of absence); and there have been some additional costs for the assistance from the IU during this time.
- CSD Cyber Academy – Greg and Jarrin presented proposals after in depth meetings with administration on the benefits and challenges in our cyber offering this current school year. Greg feels that this program should now have a budget area specific to that program, rather than incorporating into other areas. A proposal for a new Supervisor of Online Learning and Digital Integration was reviewed. This would be an Act 93 position and would perform teacher evaluations for all cyber teachers – part-time and full time. It was also proposed to utilize stimulus monies for 2 full-time cyber positions – one in English and one in Math. This will reduce that number of hours for the “after school” part time used now. Envisioned would be a “cyber lounge” at CLMS and CVMS (the library is one already at CASH). The full-time staff would be able to have synchronous classes during the day, which is something currently missing in our cyber academy, yet offered in outside programs. Our goal is to keep kids before they leave to outside cyber. The Supervisor would also be the parent & student liaison as well as in charge of marketing. There was discussion on the pros and cons of this new position versus keeping the position being vacated by the retirement of Herb Bossard; and utilizing an existing administrator for the teacher supervision/evaluation aspect. It was noted that the anticipated increase in costs from the current (Herb) position to the proposed Act 93 position would be approx. \$15,000. It was agreed to permit Greg to present the proposal to the entire board during his budget presentation.
- ESSR II/III – There were documents presented listing proposed areas for use of these stimulus monies. During 21/22 on ESSR II for example are ViewSonic boards, cafeteria equipment, cafeteria tables & chairs, Chromebooks, mental health liaison, in house cyber costs and school based prevention specialist. For 22/23 and 23/24 some of the same areas but also Special Ed Dept. wages. For ESSR III it will include tutoring, and 2 new Interventionists, some window upgrades, etc. and in 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25 the Interventionists, capital projects, special ed costs and the like.
- Staffing update – There are 6 retiring teachers and at this time all will need replaced. 2 at CASH, 2 at CVE, a librarian, and the gifted coordinator.

The next meeting is scheduled for Weds May 5, 2021 at 5:30 pm in ASA.


Dorothy Luckock, Board President


Greg Mayle, Board Secretary