Conneaut School District Finance/Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2021

The meeting of the Finance/Budget Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm on May 5 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 – This evening will be the special voting meeting to approve the Proposed Final Budget, then allowing the 30 public review period. As every year, some adjustments can still be made up to the date of the final adoption in June.
- Buildings and Ground Budget – Frank Kimmel was present to review his budget in detail. Overall, it has a 2.2% increase. Larger items reviewed were contract custodial increases, sidewalk repairs, Covid supplies and parts for playgrounds and hot water pumps. A decrease in capital equipment as moved into custodial contract for the new year.
- Capital Projects – 5-year plan. Noted was the leftmost column has a project number consisting of the year and then the number, ex: 202102 is CLES generator. That way it is easy to see if a project was adjusted from one year to the next. The committee thanked Frank and Greg for setting up that system. In 2022 can use some stimulus funding for some items. Some projects are moved into the General Fund to utilize that opportunity. One adjustment was from a boom lift to a van. The committee was reminded that this is a 5-year plan, but all specific projects come to the board for a final vote before proceeding.
- Capital Projects 2021-2022 Budget – this year’s total is $108,921 to include continuing the repointing, CVES carpet replacement with tile, repair and seal parking lots at CASH and CVES; the van replacement and asbestos removal.
- Capital Projects funding calculation shows after the projected totals of 20-21 in revenues and expenditures, the fund balance should be $2,014,973.71. With planned expenditures and interest for the upcoming 5 years, it is projected to be at $198,500.97. Therefore, at this time, we do not anticipate a transfer from the general fund this year into the capital projects fund.
- Food Service budget – Given that the Seamless Summer Option was approved by the federal government, that helps us with 100% of students at the free rate until June 30, 2022. Jarrin reported that a Linesville church was providing the volunteers to pass out the summer meals, prepared by the IU contractor. In the budget we see a transfer for $250,000 from the general fund as we can do some upgrades with ESSR monies. These can depreciate over 10 years in the food service area.
- General Fund Budget Update – Not many changes since April, still $1,200,000 – 1,300,000 shortfall. See April reports for additional specifics.
- Transportation RFP – sent out to 9 vendors and only submission was Anderson Coach and Travel. Greg has understood that uncertainty of driver staff levels in many companies makes them hesitant to take on new business at this time. There was a 5-year option, or a 7 year option with 1.6% discount. We recommend the 7-year option. Greg is coordinating on the routing software.

The next meeting is scheduled for Weds June 2, 2021, at 5:30 pm in ASA.

Greg Mayle, Board Secretary

Dorothy Luckock, Board President