

Parkland Community Advisory Council

January 19, 2023

PRESIDENTS

Jennifer Jones
Desiree Pascal

SECRETARY

Andrea Scott

ATTENDEES: Jen Jones, Catherine Garon, Deirdre Snyder, Desiree Pascal, Melanie St. Hill, Chris Pirrotta, Nicole Mandry, Andrea Scott, Doreen Wynn, Dilia Coppedge

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Olivia Wynn, Kylie Knafo

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Marisa Ziegler

ADMINISTRATION: Michelle Minotti

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Jones at 7:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes from November, was made by Jennifer Jones and seconded by Melanie St. Hill.

PRESENTATION:

“2023-2024 Parkland School District Budget” Presented by: Mrs. Leslie Frisbie

Mrs. Frisbie provided a summary of the latest version of the 2023-2024 (work in progress) Budget. She explained the PSD uses the PDE (PA Dept. of Education) chart of accounts used by every school district in the state. The estimated budget expenditures at this time are about \$225.9 million and revenue is \$217 million with a budget deficit of approximately \$8.9 million.

The largest changes were expenditures associated with salaries and benefits. The estimated change in budget from 2022-2023 is an increase of about \$7.2 million or 4.5%. There also was a large change in property services, a decrease of \$1.9 million. This is due to ESSR Funds, used for capital projects in previous years, no longer being available to the district.

District revenue is obtained from three places, Local (77%), State(20%), and Federal (3%) revenues. Local revenues include local real estate tax, EIT, transfer taxes, interim taxes, and gate receipts.

Through the next few months, exploration of ways to reduce the deficit will be explored including a one-time transfer from the capital reserve of \$5 million and a tax increase within the allowable Act 1 Index of 4.1%. From the tax increase, \$5.8 million in new taxes can be generated, with an average taxpayer impact of \$150. Other areas of focus to help balance the budget come from:

- Monthly updates from the county regarding Real Estate Assessment growth
- Finalizing staffing plans to help get a true picture of staffing changes, leaves and substitutes, and attritional savings on retirements.
- New debt service incurred including a \$10 Million bond for Kratzer building and adding 10 buses to the fleet
- The amount of special education out-of-district placements
- Bid pricing for heating oil and diesel

- The planned use of fund balance and capital planning

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Marisa Zieler presented a report highlighting the topics discussed at the Board Meetings. For more details of any meeting, please view the minutes and recordings online on the PSD website.

Board Reorganization and Business Meetings December 6, 2022

- The board had their reorganization meeting before the business meeting at 7:00 on December 6th.
 - Carol Facchiano was elected Board President, Marisa Ziegler was elected Board Vice President
- Approvals
 - Two overnight field trips – Political Science Club, Indoor Color Guard and Percussion
 - Two policies – Threat Assessment and Emergency Preparedness
- Reports
 - LCTI had its Committee of the Whole meeting where Herbein & Company presented the 2022 financial report to the board. A clean unmodified opinion was issued to LCTI for the 30th consecutive year.
 - The Education Foundation held its “Heroes for the Holidays” event.

Business Meeting December 20, 2022

- The board accepted the resignation of Mr. Coleman from the Parkland School Board of Directors.
 - An appointment will be made at a future meeting to fill the seat.
- Bus Purchases- Approved the purchase of 9 72-passenger buses and 1 36-passenger bus
- Adoption of the PSBA principles for governance and leadership- Lead responsibly, act ethically, plan thoughtfully, evaluate continuously, communicate clearly, advocate earnestly, and govern effectively
- Approval of Meetings for 2023 Committee Meetings
 - Academics, Arts, and Athletics – 7:30 am on 2nd Monday of the month
 - Buildings and Grounds – 5:00 pm on 2nd Monday of the month
 - Personnel and Finance – 6:00 on 2nd Monday of the month
 - Business Meetings for 2023 all at 7:00 pm - January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 5, December 19
- LCTI members - Marisa Ziegler and Patrick Foose were re-elected to serve on the Joint Operating Committee, while Jay Rohatgi was elected to finish the term of the seat vacated by Jarrett Coleman

Special Meeting January 3, 2023

- The board approved Mr. Robert Bold to fill the seat left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Coleman

Business Meeting January 17, 2023

- Board Appreciation Presentations
 - Each elementary school PTO shared events that they use to bring the community together. Cetronia shared Fun Fest at Dorney Park, Fogelsville shared Welcome Back Family Night, Ironton shared the Stallion Stroll, Jaindl shared Fall Fest Trunk-or-Treat, Kernsville shared Night on the Circle, Kratzer shared Back to School Chalk Night, Parkway Manor shared Food Truck and Book Fair, Schnecksville shared the Holiday Extravaganza, Veterans Memorial shared the Glow Dance.
 - The middle and high schools shared how they bring students together in fun ways throughout the year.
- New Assistant Business Director – Nicole Cummings

- Resolution Not to Exceed the Act 1 Index- Parkland will not seek exceptions and pledges to stay within the 4.1% index established under the Act 1 law.
- Feasibility Study- The last time we did a feasibility study was in 2014. We are looking for additional data on our enrollment, building capacities, and educational programming. The board approved RLPS Architects for this study

Upcoming Meetings

February Board Committee Meetings

- February 13 – AAA Committee Meeting – 7:30 a.m.
- February 13 – B & G Committee Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
- February 13 – P & F Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

February Board Meeting- February 21 – PSD Board Meeting – 7:00 p.

STUDENT REPORT:

Clubs:

- Student Senate will hold the Are You Smarter than a Teacher? Event on February 13th
- Student Council will also begin their food drive on February 13th

Academics:

- Science Midterms were held on the 12th and 13th
- English and Math Midterms were held on the 18th
- History and Language Midterms were held on the 19th (today)
- The Second Marking Period ends tomorrow the 20th, which means we are halfway through the school year.

Sports:

- Wrestling - Varsity boys against Lehigh Area (away) - tomorrow
- Boys & Girls Basketball against Whitehall - tomorrow
- Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls swimming, and Boys & Girls wrestling play on January 21st and throughout the next week.

Announcements/Other:

- Mr. Parkland will be held on February 4th by the 2023 Class officers

OLD BUSINESS: n/a

NEW BUSINESS: n/a

ROUNDTABLE:

- A wellness symposium will be held at PHS on March 18th.
- Forms for free tickets for CAC members to Oklahoma were distributed at the meeting. They need to be filled out and returned (with a check if needed) at our next meeting on February 16th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 7:59 pm a motion to adjourn was called. Desiree Pascal moved, with Catherine Garon seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Scott