

HOLLIDYASBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES

The Hollidaysburg Area School Board met for a **Committee of the Whole for Budget Discussion** meeting immediately following the Special Voting Meeting on **Wednesday, May 10, 2023** in the Senior High Library, 1510 N. Montgomery Street, Hollidaysburg.

Dr. Sommer called the meeting to order at 7:49p.m.

Attending were Dr. Sommer, President, Ms. Hartman, Vice-President, Ms. Frye, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Brenneman, Mr. Stephens, Ms. Bilek and Ms. Costanza. Mr. Nichols was absent.

Also present were Dr. Gildea, Superintendent, Dr. Palazzi, Director of Curriculum, Mrs. Koehle, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Fiscus, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Mrs. Thomas, Director of Accounting Operations, Mr. Caldwell, Director of Human Resource/Transportation, Mrs. Summerville, Data Management Administrator, Mr. Nihart, Director of Physical Plant, Mr. Arthur, Director of Technology, Attorney Beard, Sr., Solicitor, Mr. Harrington, Mr. McCall, Mr. Hartline, Mr. DeLattre, Mr. Keagy, Dr. Letcher, Mr. Krott and an Altoona Mirror Representative.

Mrs. Fiscus and Mrs. Thomas gave Budget Presentation No. 4 which focused on the proposed consolidated budget with no millage increase. Estimated expenditures over revenue as of June 30, 2023 are \$1,300,000. The estimated fund balance as of July 1, 2023 is \$8,307,606. The budget as presented reflects \$53,206,818 in revenue and \$56,319,864 in expenditures. There is a deficit in expenditures over revenue of \$3,113,046.

Options to reduce the deficit included the use of remaining ESSER funds, programs, positions, equipment and supply cuts and a tax increase up to the Act 1 index of 5%.

No tax increase would result in a \$3,113,046 deficit.

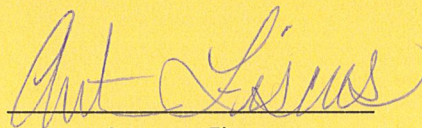
A tax increase up to the Act 1 index of 5% would reduce the deficit to \$1,699,495.

The average residential assessed value is 162,238.66. A millage increase of .477525 would result in an increase to the average taxpayer by \$77.47 per year or \$6.46 per month.

The board discussed extra funding to school districts, how the district is affected by the underfunding of state funds, the end of ESSER funding, retirement rate stabilization, and an Act 1 exception.

Dr. Gildea noted that at the request of the board last June, the administration prepared a budget reduction file and shared it with the board on November 11, 2022. All of the requested information is in that file. Most recently, on April 12, 2023 the administration shared with the board a HASD budget drive. This is a google drive that has every budget document in it so that everything is available for the board to look at and to analyze.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Dr. Sommer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:29p.m.



Autumn Fiscus
Board Secretary