



Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee

MEETING NOTES

November 19, 2019

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Administration Building Boardroom

Members present: Deirdre Aden-Smith, Cynthia Bernard, Jerry Carney, Kenneth Davis, Jacqueline Dowds-Bennett, Stacey Fisher, Joseph Ford, Erin Hobson, Jane Morgan, Karen Petersilie, Ed Plute, Jan Rennie, Jay Smith, Vickie Tonkins, Daniel Yaciuk

Members absent: Chip MacEnulty, Debbie Williams

Guests: Julie Ott (BOE), Nora Brown (BOE), 5-6 Misc. Others

Ex-Officio members present: Glenn Gustafson and Amber Hickman

Preliminary Items:

1. Dr. Ed Plute Retirement Recognition

Mr. Gustafson opened up the meeting with a retirement speech and certificate of appreciation for Dr. Ed Plute, a handful of others also spoke briefly on their appreciation and time spent working with Dr. Plute over the last 19+ years, after such Dr. Plute spoke briefly and we concluded the recognition with cupcakes and sweet treats.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Included in agenda item #1.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The committee reviewed this evenings' agenda, after such the agenda was approved as is.

4. Approval of the Meeting Notes

Dr. Plute called for a motion to approve the meeting notes from October 15th, and the minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

5. Monthly Financial Statement Update

Mr. Gustafson reviewed the MLO financial statements for October 2019, his review included; not collecting a lot of property taxes this time of year, a brief explanation of uncollectables/ abatements, a review of all the PIPs by the percentage spent to date, and specifics on conversations had with PIP owners regarding the 2000 PIP 7B and 2017 PIP 4.



Action:

6. *Election: Chair and Vice Chair*

We began the election, with requesting nominations for Chair, Mr. Kenneth Davis was nominated with no other nominations, the committee unanimously voted to approve Mr. Davis for this position. After such we requested nominations for Vice Chair, Mr. Jerry Carney was nominated with no other nominations, the committee unanimously voted to approve Mr. Carney for this position.

7. *2000 MLO PIP 14: FY 19/20 FDK Plan Amendment*

Glenn began this presentation with laying the foundation for this line item which included, the first reallocation for FY 19/20 went towards class size reduction, and the second reallocation is coming before the committee for a vote tonight. As a reminder the whole 2.4 million still needs to be allocated on a reoccurring basis for FY 20/21, which will come at a later date, once Executive Cabinet comes up with a proposed plan. The plan amendment coming before the committee now, is to reallocate the remaining amount in FY 19/20 of 1.65 million toward air conditioning an elementary school site. This plan amendment is considering one of two elementary school sites, being either Madison or Howbert. Projections show that Madison will cost more than 1.65 million, and Howbert will have enough to complete the project. If this plan amendment is approved, funds will not be made available until late January, estimated completion time being January/ August 2021. Glenn's presentation was embedded with questions which included, which building is newer, which building is hotter, where the additional funds for Madison would come from, if they have considered completing both schools at the same time, if they have considered AC projects for middle/high schools, if they have considered changing the school calendar, swamp cooler results, if they consider early dismissals when it is really hot, and attrition rates at schools with no AC. After the discussions, the committee moved to a vote, to approve the non-reoccurring allocation of 1.65 million to 2017 PIP 8 to fund air conditioning/cooling at an elementary school site. The committee approved the plan amendment, 15:0.

Non-Action Items:

8. *Discuss: MLO Review Follow-Up*

Mr. Gustafson began this review with an overview of the document provided, which included all the recommendations provided by PCG in the last external audit, along with our progress on each recommendation. Mr. Gustafson's overview was followed with questions, which included advertising feedback, generating a positive MLOOC "splash", and results of MLO capital projects signage.

9. *Teacher Earning Power Report*

Mr. Gustafson began this agenda item with reviewing the documents provided, which included comparisons on teacher compensation reports over the last 26 years, as this is the average duration of an teachers career. These reports compare D11 to other districts most similar to our own. These reports show us how the MLO dollars have helped the staffing



model, how losing students affects overhead costs, shows student trends towards non-traditional schools, and historical comparisons. Mr. Gustafson's review was embedded with questions which included, if the average teacher career is still 26 years, trends of seeing more experienced/older teachers, unemployment rates, and the progress on developing the academic master plans.

10. Presentation: 2017 MLO PIP 9: Charter School Funding

Mr. Gustafson's presentation included, a new bill that was passed requires charters to get their fair share of allocations, charters are entitled to more funding but we are still waiting on the finalized pupil counts, reviewing the charter school accountability forms submitted, and specifics on how charters are not required to spend monies as we do at D11. Mr. Gustafson's presentation was embedded with questions which included, if the general fund also allocates to charters, plans to use the inflation factor to cover the charter funding differences this time around, and if the account codes used on the accountability forms are the same that we use at D11.

Future Agenda Items

MLO KPIs, FY 20/21 FDK Plan Amendment, Glenn will be absent for Jan meeting.

Adjournment:

Dr. Plute adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Future Meetings:

Tuesday, December 17th, 2019 in the Administration Building's Boardroom 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 in the Administration Building's Boardroom 6:00 p.m.