

**MINUTES
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #120
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023, 4:15 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Merboth, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Matt Merboth, Committee Chair, and Mrs. Sally, Taliani

ABSENT: Mrs. Carol Alcorn (arrived at 4:21 p.m.)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Hometown National Bank
Representatives - Mrs. Tammy Humpage, Senior Vice President/Trust Officer, Mrs. Beth Beck, Vice
President/Trust Officer, and Mr. Phillip Slevin, Vice President/Trust Investment Officer, Mrs. Jennifer
Does, Business Manager, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

REVIEW/APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 16, 2023, COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the meeting minutes from October 16, 2023, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

INVESTMENT PRESENTATION-HOMETOWN NATIONAL BANK

Dr. Wroblewski introduced the attendees. Mr. Phillip Slevin, Vice President/Trust Investment Officer reviewed the LPHS portfolio with committee members and discussed the benefits of locking-in current investment rates. Dr. Wroblewski and Mrs. Does will chart district projects and contact Mr. Slevin to schedule a meeting for further discussion.

MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Dr. Wroblewski presented the Revenue and Expenditure reports. We are 33.3% through the year and reports are in line with current monthly business. Mrs. Does Whalen discussed the Investment Accounts, Cash, and Investments as of October 31, 2023, and the Cash Flow Statement. Nothing out of the ordinary.

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the Monthly Financials, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth; Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

TENTATIVE LEVY RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Wroblewski presented the official tentative 2023 tax levy for school year 2024-2025 to the committee. The projected EAV increase of 9.97% could generate \$1,541,217.00 in new revenue for the district that would replace lost revenue from the diminished Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax. A Truth in taxation hearing is required and will be held on December 20, 2023.

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Taliani to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the tentative 2023 tax levy for school year 2024-2025, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mr. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

BUS CONTRACT RENEWAL UPDATE

Dr. Wroblewski presented two proposals from Johannes Bus Services, Inc to extend the transportation agreement. A one-year extension involved a 10% increase, and a two-year extension had an 8% increase in year one, and a 7% increase in year two. Dr. Wroblewski recommended the two-year contract extension and will establish language with other districts regarding shared routes.

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve to extend the transportation agreement with Johannes Bus Service, Inc. through 2025-2026, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

L-P SPORTS COMPLEX PHASE II UPDATE

Dr. Wroblewski shared the following updates with the committee:

1. Status Report: Interior work to the baseball/softball field concession-press box will begin next week with window installation to follow. Parking asphalt and concrete to walkways will be poured on November 13th. Mr. Harold Burr and his Building and Trades students are making great progress on the dugouts and sheds. Grass seed will be planted in completed sections, behind the outfields, and touched-up in areas along the perimeter of the soccer field. The Soccer building will be finished on November 10th and then scheduled winterize. Dr. Wroblewski shared the following change orders for committee review and approval to submit to the Board.

Byrne & Jones:

- a. CO #10, Discus extension and netting - \$21,837.00. Extension of the existing discus cage and netting behind the bleachers to ensure spectator safety. Extension of netting to the discus cage on Raccuglia Drive as precautionary measures for vehicles.

Vissering Construction:

- b. CO #7, Soffit Light Fixtures - \$4659.06. Installation of two additional soffit light fixtures in the concession-press box building above the ticket and concession stand windows.

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the change order for Byrne & Jones and Vissering Construction, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth; Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Wroblewski shared successful School Maintenance Grant applications are eligible to receive up to \$50,000.00 in matching funds and recommended the Counseling Office Renovation as the targeted project. Repairs would include counseling office walls, ceilings, lighting, carpet, construction of an additional office to accommodate staff and interns, and any abatement remediation. The deadline for application is December 1, 2023.

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, and seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the submission of FY 2024 Round 1 School Maintenance Project Grant application in support of HLS #85 – Main Academic Building, Counseling Office Repairs, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

SELLETT GYM SCOREBOARD RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Wroblewski and the committee discussed the recommendation to purchase Daktronics Basketball Scoreboard, Shot Clocks, LED Light Strips and Video Display from Sievert Electric via the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative for \$187,890.00. The system could be up and running mid-to-late February.

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the purchase of Daktronics Basketball Scoreboard, Shot Clocks, LED Light Strips and Video Display from Sievert Electric via the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative for \$187,890.00, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth; Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

PHONE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT UPDATE

Dr. Wroblewski informed the committee that our Voice Over IP service is terminating, and Mrs. Amy William, Director of Technology, is reviewing two proposals to replace the phone system. The cost could range \$75K - \$95K. A recommendation will be presented to the committee next month.

SPORTS COMPLEX SECURITY CAMERA UPDATE

Dr. Wroblewski shared the cost difference between hard wire security equipment and Cloud based security. Dr. Wroblewski is recommending a hard wired system. Mrs. Amy William, Director of Technology, is working with experts for security cameras at the baseball/softball and soccer fields, as well as upgrades to the existing equipment. There will be a recommendation presented to the committee next month.

OTHER

Dr. Wroblewski shared there will be a bid opening on Tuesday, November 14th for the 14-passanger Activity Bus and a recommendation presented to the Board at the November 15, 2023, regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried. Time 5:30 p.m.**



Mr. Matt Merboth
Committee Chair



Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary