Winona Area Public Schools
Finance Committee
12/14/2023 Minutes
1:00 p.m. in person
District Office Conference Room

Members Present: *Nancy Denzer, Karl Sonneman, Brad Berzinski, Sarah Slaby*

Members Absent: *Pete Watkins*

Others Present: *Ann Riebel, Emily Solheid, Alexandra Retter (Winona Post)*

Call to Order/Welcome
Welcome & Attendance (called to order at 1:01 pm)

Verizon Contract Renewal
● Agreement to renew wireless telephone services for twelve months was considered and recommended for approval by the board.

Addendum to Non-Affiliated Policy
● Related to new grant dollars being received which must be used to pay additional salary and benefits to employees working in childcare programs, an addendum to the Non-Affiliated employee policy was presented. The addendum was recommended for approval by the school board.

Key Kids Handbook Changes
●Changes to the Key Kids handbook requiring collection of fees twice per month rather than once per month were recommended. The handbook changes were recommended for approval by the school board.

Advantage Collection Professionals
● A contract related to collection of outstanding debt for Key Kids was presented for consideration. The Fee received is 30% of fees collected and is contingent upon the collection of fees. The contract was recommended for approval by the school board.

Change in Solar Credit Rates
● Director Sonneman shared his research related to a proposed change in solar rebate credits. The could potentially have a negative budgetary impact of approximately $30,000. Possibilities for exiting contracts and pursuing communication with the Public Utility Commission will be pursued.

Avant Assessement
● A quote related to a platform used for assessments used for English learners was presented and recommended for approval by the board.

Inflation Reduction Act Credit
● A discussion was had regarding presentations from Eide Bailly and Baker Tilly and the services they could provide the district in pursuing an Inflation Reduction Act Credit from the Internal Revenue Service in connection to the geothermal projects underway at Jefferson Elementary and Washington-Kosciusko Elementary. The Baker Tilly proposal was recommended for approval by the board.

Tech Levy

● A school board member raised a question regarding the Tech Levy at the 12/7/2023 school board meeting. This agenda item was tabled for discussion at the 1/8/2024 Finance Committee meeting.

GeoThermal Subcontracts

●The following subcontracts related to the GeoThermal projects were shared and passed along for approval on the consent agenda:

- ➔ Jefferson - WHV - Change Order 01
- ➔ W-K - Xcel Energy - Power Needs

Review Meeting Minutes

● Meeting minutes for the 11/9/2023 meeting were reviewed and recommended for board approval.

Review of the Consent Agenda Items

● The consent agenda for the next board meeting was brought to the Committee for review.

- ➔ Payment Register (summary and detail)
  - ◆ Document reflects November 2023, recommended to move on to the consent agenda
- ➔ Consent Agenda
  - ◆ Document reflects November 2023, recommended to move on to the board consent agenda
- ➔ 2024 Budget Analysis recommended to move on to consent agenda
  - ◆ 2024 General Fund revenues as of 11/30/2023 are at 24.13% of budget
  - ◆ 2024 General Fund expenditures as of 11/30/2023 are at 33.62% of budget

COVID-19 Grants

● An updated snapshot of the COVID-19 related grants as of 11/30/2023 was provided and passed along to the consent agenda

● An updated 2024 summary of Finance code 160, 161, and 155 by spending initiative was provided and passed along to the consent agenda

Cash Flow Data

● Cash balance data as of 11/30/2023 was provided for committee members and was forwarded on with the monthly consent agenda to the board.

Adjournment

● Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.