



REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, December 19, 2019, at 4:00 PM at the Cincinnati Public Schools Education Center in Conference Room 1A.

ATTENDEES

Finance Committee Members

Chairperson Eve Bolton, Melanie Bates, Ryan Messer

Administrators

Laura Mitchell, Superintendent; Jennifer Wagner, Treasurer; Kevin Ashley, Director of Financial Reporting; Robin Brandon, Director of Facilities; Sarah Brody, Director of Talent Management; Susan Bunte, Assistant Superintendent; Emily Campbell, Director of Curriculum; Jeremy, Gollihue, Chief Information Officer; Keith Grace, Benefits Manager; Dawn Grady, Director of Inbound Marketing; Margaret Hall, Director of Student Services; Michael Gustin, Business Systems Analyst; Joshua Hardin, Athletics Manager; Dan Hoying, General Counsel; Loren Johnson, Director of Transportation; Justin Leach, Director of Test Administration; Trina Levins, Director of Purchasing; Jerry Moore, Auxiliary Service Manager; Lauren Roberts, Internal Auditor; Ralph Ruwan, Supervisor of Security; Jessica Shelly, Director of Food Services; Sarah Trimble-Oliver; Chief Strategy Officer; Nathan Tyahur, Accounts Receivable Supervisor; Lauren Worley, Chief Strategic Communications Engagement Officer

Community Members/Parents

Craig Rozen, School Board School Members

Cincinnati Federation of Teachers (CFT)

Julie Sellers, President

Governmental Liaison Presentation

Eric Kearney, CEO/President of Kearney and Kearney, and George Glover, Co-Managing Director of Focused Capitol Solutions, submitted their following written report to the Committee:

Projects

- * Execute against CPS Government Relations Plan
- * Meet with Superintendent Laura Mitchell regarding CPS priorities
- * Create and Cultivate Strategic Relationships
- * Local Delegation Meeting

Ohio House – Primary and Secondary Education Committee

Chair, Don Jones

Vice Chair, Susan Manchester

Ranking Minority Member, Phillip M. Robinson, Jr.

H.B. 22 (Antani) To require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission and the Department of Education to conduct a study regarding certain school building amenities. 1st Hearing on February 19, 2019.

H.B. 23 (Antani) To amend section 3313.5315 of the Revised Code to authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics. 1st Hearing on February 19, 2019.

***H.B. 43 (Ingram)** To amend sections 3313.41, 3318.08, and 5705.10, to enact new section 3313.411, and to repeal sections 3313.411, 3313.412, and 3313.413 of the Revised Code to eliminate the right of first refusal for certain schools in the acquisition of school district real property. 2nd Hearing on June 11, 2019.

***H.B. 83 (Brown & Schaffer)** To amend sections 4511.751 and 4511.76 of the Revised Code to allow images captured by a camera installed on a school bus to be used as corroborating evidence for the offense of failing to stop for a school bus. Referred to the Criminal Justice Committee on March 5, 2019.

***H. B. 89 (Antani)** To amend sections 4503.03 and 4511.75 of the Revised Code to enhance the penalties for failing to properly stop for a school bus, to establish requirements related to informing the public about that prohibition, and to make an appropriation. Referred to the Criminal Justice Committee on March 5, 2019.

***H.B. 111 (Ingram)** To amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact section 3319.324 of the Revised Code to require that public and private schools transmit a transferred student's records within five school days. 4th Hearing on June 11, 2019. Voted out of Committee 15-1.

H.B. 121 (Schaffer) To amend sections 5747.08 and 5747.98 and to enact section 5747.72 of the Revised Code to allow a credit against the personal income tax for amounts spent by teachers for instructional materials. 1st Hearing March 19, 2019.

H.B. 122 (Koehler) To amend sections 3301.0711, 3301.0714, 3301.163, 3302.036, 3302.10, 3310.51, 3317.03, 3365.07, and 5727.84; to enact new sections 3310.01, 3310.02, 3310.03, 3310.04, 3310.06, 3310.07, 3310.08, 3310.09, 3310.10, 3310.11, 3310.12, 3310.13, 3310.14, 3310.15, 3310.16, and 3310.17; and to repeal sections 3310.01, 3310.02, 3310.03, 3310.031, 3310.032, 3310.035, 3310.04, 3310.05, 3310.06, 3310.07, 3310.08, 3310.09, 3310.10, 3310.11, 3310.12, 3310.13, 3310.14, 3310.15, 3310.16, 3310.17, 3313.974, 3313.975, 3313.976, 3313.977, 3313.978, and 3313.979 of the Revised Code to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program. Creates scholarships to attend chartered non-public schools. Establishes maximum scholarship amounts at \$5,000 for students in grades K-8 and at \$7,500 for students in grades 9-12, but reduces scholarships amounts for students who qualify based on family income and whose family income increases. 1st Hearing on March 19, 2019.

H.B. 127 (Smith & Hambley) To enact section 3302.103 of the Revised Code to prohibit the creation of new academic distress commissions. This bill would prohibit the Superintendent of Public Instruction from establishing any new academic distress commissions on or after the bill's effective date. 2nd Hearing on April 9, 2019.

H.B. 132 (Manning) To amend sections 3314.03 and 3326.11 and to enact section 3313.675 of the Revised Code regarding notice of school child immunization requirements and exemptions. Voted out of Committee 16-0.

H.B. 165 (Liston, Galonski) To enact new section 3301.0718 and to repeal section 3301.0718 of the Revised Code regarding the adoption of health education standards. From the analysis, the bill requires the State Board to adopt either the most recent health education standards developed by the American Association for Health Education, or health education standards developed and prescribed by the State Board itself. Further, it repeals the current prohibition on the State Board of Education from adopting or revising any standards or curriculum in the area of health unless the standards, curriculum, or revisions are approved by both houses of the General Assembly through concurrent resolution.

H.B. 239 (Manning, G., Crawley) To amend sections 3301.0712 and 3301.0729 of the Revised Code to reduce the number of end-of-course assessments required for high school graduation and to require each school district to form a work group to evaluate the amount of time students spend on testing. In Summary this bill would:

- * Beginning with the class of 2022, eliminates the requirement that high school students take a nationally standardized college admission assessment.
- * Beginning with the class of 2022, reduces the number of end-of-course examinations required for graduation from seven to three.
- * Requires each school district and other public school to form a work group to examine the amount of time students spend on district required testing and to submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the district board or school governing authority or body on how to reduce testing.
- * Permits a district or school to exceed the time limitations that students may spend on state testing through an annual resolution after considering recommendations from the testing work group.
- * Requires the Department of Education to annually publish a report on the amount of time students spent on required state and district or school testing.

H.B. 310 (Greenspan) To amend sections 2903.31, 3301.22, 3313.661, 3313.666, 3314.03, and 3326.11 and to enact sections 3301.165, 3313.669, 3319.318, and 3345.19 of the Revised Code to enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and colleges.

***H.B. 336 (Robinson & Sobecki)** To enact sections 103.44, 103.45, 103.46, 103.47, 103.48, 103.49, and 103.50 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 311.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly and to repeal Section 733.40 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly to reinstate the Joint Education Oversight Committee, make an appropriation, and declare an emergency.

S.B. 4 (Rulli & Kunze) To amend Section 237.30 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly and Section 237.10 of H.B. 529 of the 132 General Assembly, as subsequently amended, to make a capital appropriation for school facilities assistance. Increase from \$375M to \$475M, the amount of general obligation bonds that can be issued by the Ohio Public Facilities Commission for the purpose of paying the state share of the cost of constructing classroom facilities. Passed the Ohio Senate on March 27, 2019 (31-0). Passed House Committee 26-0. Re-referred.

S.B. 26 (Kunze) To amend section 5747.01 of the Revised Code to authorize a state income tax deduction of \$250 for teachers' out-of-pocket expenses for professional development and classroom supplies. Passed into law 10/23/19.

S.B. 89 (Huffman) To amend sections 3302.03, 3313.14, 3313.482, 3313.618, 3313.903, 3317.023, 3319.226, 3326.032, 3333.162, 3333.94, 3365.01, 3365.02, 5709.62, 5709.63, 5709.632, 5709.82, and 5709.83, to enact sections 3301.0730, 3317.037, and 3319.2211, and to repeal section 3313.6113 of the Revised Code with regard to career-technical education and the compensation of joint vocational school districts located in enterprise zones. 3rd Hearing on May 7, 2019.

Ohio Senate - Education Committee

Chair, Peggy Lehner

Vice Chair, Andrew Brunner

Rank Minority Member, Teresa Fedor

S.B. 34 (Kunze) To amend sections 2953.25, 3314.03, 3314.101, 3319.151, 3319.227, 3319.31, 3319.311, 3319.313, 3319.316, 3319.40, 3319.99, 3326.081, 3326.11, 3328.18, 3319.393, 3328.24, and 5153.176 and to enact sections 3319.0812, 3319.318, 3319.319, and of the Revised Code regarding school employee employment and educator licensure and conduct. 6th Hearing 11/12/19.

S.B. 40 (Brenner & McColley) To amend sections 3345.021 and 3345.21 and to enact sections 3345.0211, 3345.0212, 3345.0213, 3345.0214, and 3345.0215 of the Revised Code to enact the "Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act" regarding free speech on college 5 campuses.

***S.B. 81 (Maharath)** To amend section 3319.46 of the Revised Code to prohibit the use of seclusion in public schools.

***S.B. 84 (Maharath)** To enact section 3313.675 of the Revised Code to allow an individual enrolling a student to voluntarily state if student's parent or guardian is a member of the Armed Forces.

S.B. 102 (Brenner & Lehner) To enact new section 3323.25 and to repeal section 3323.25 of the Revised Code to establish the Dyslexia Screening Program for school districts and other public schools. 3rd Hearing 10/15/19.

S.B. 110 (Manning) To enact section 3302.103 of the Revised Code to modify the operation of academic distress commissions in certain school districts. Modifies the composition and operation of an academic distress commission (ADC) of a school district for which (1) an ADC was established in 2013 under former law and (2) the ADC was re-established under continuing law. Requires the ADC to conduct and submit to the district board at least one annual performance evaluation of the chief executive officer (CEO) appointed by the ADC. Specifies that the CEO must appear at least quarterly before the district board to report on the district's progress. Requires the Auditor of State to conduct a performance audit of the district each year that it is subject to the ADC. Requires the Department of Education to initiate a site evaluation in the district in each year that the district is subject to the ADC. 3rd Hearing on April 9, 2019.

S.B. 121 (Sykes & Kunze) To amend sections 3301.0718 and 3313.6011 and to enact section 3301.0727 of the Revised Code to require the State Board of Education to adopt health education standards and to require that only statewide venereal disease education standards and curriculum be approved by the General Assembly.

* Removes the requirement of the adoption of a concurrent resolution when adopting or revising state standards or curriculum for health education.

* Requires the adoption of a concurrent resolution when adopting or revising state standards for venereal disease education.

* Requires the State Board of Education to develop and adopt health education standards for grades K-12 health education. Proponent Testimony on May 7, 2019.

H.B. 123 (Holmes & Manning) To amend sections 3313.536, 3313.60, 3314.03, 3319.073, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact sections 3301.221, 3301.23, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 3313.6611, and 3313.6612 of the Revised Code with regard to school security and youth suicide awareness education and training. 3rd Hearing 11/12/19.

H.B. 154 (Miller & Jones) To amend sections 133.06, 3302.036, 3302.042, 3302.12, 3302.16, 3302.17, 3302.18, 3310.03, 3311.29, and 3314.102; to enact new section 3302.10; and to repeal sections 3302.10, 3302.101, 3302.102, and 3302.11 of the Revised Code; and to repeal Sections 4, 5, and 6 of Am. Sub. H.B. 70 of the 131st General Assembly to dissolve academic distress commissions and to instead require the creation of community learning centers for buildings in low-performing school districts. In Ohio Senate Education Committee. Passed Ohio House. Disagreement among several urban districts. Senate Education Committee.

S.B. 200 (Lerner & Brenner) To amend sections 3314.03, 3323.11, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact sections 3319.077 and 3319.078 of the Revised Code with regard to professional development for screening and intervention for children with dyslexia.

***S.B. 157 (Williams)** To amend section 3321.141 of the Revised Code regarding notification of student absences.

***S.B. 168 (Yuko & Maharath)** To amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact section 3313.818 of the Revised Code to enact the "Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act" to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

H.B. 64 (Ginter) To amend sections 3313.601, 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact sections 3320.01, 3320.02, and 3320.03 of the Revised Code regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 5 2019." Passed House 61-31. Referred to Senate Education Committee.

Cincinnati Preschool Promise (CPP) Preschool Finances

Hector Polanco, CPP Finance Manager

Mr. Polanco reported that CPP did not have a Finance and Audit Committee meeting in December 2019.

He did explain that CPP is continuing to run under its budget and is looking to start or expand programs during the current fiscal year and that the programs would be focused on improving preschool provider quality.

He also stated that more information regarding those new or expanded programs would be forthcoming during the January 2020 CPS Finance Committee meetings.

200K+ Contracts Review

The Administration conducted their six-month review of vendor contracts for the following departments. The group also informed the Committee about contracts that are due to expire and those being submitted for Request of Proposals (RFP).

- Athletics
- Auxiliary Services
- Communications and Engagement
- Curriculum
- Facilities
- General Counsel (Legal)
- Food Services
- Property Insurance
- Human Resources/Benefits
- Information Technology Management
- Purchasing
- Research and Evaluation
- Security
- Student Services
- Talent Development
- Testing and Assessment
- Transportation
- Treasurer's Office

Committee member Messer expressed the importance of vendors meeting the Board's expectation around diversity to ensure fair and equal treatment for all. He advised to have vendors sign a contract stating they will not exclude anyone in their hiring practices and provide fair and equal treatment for all.

He also recommended having vendors implement policies around equity and inclusion.

A copy of the full report is available in the Board Office.

Treasurer Monthly Updates

Treasurer Wagner will present her financial report at a January 2020 Finance Committee.

Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Agreements

Nathan Tyahur, Accounts Receivable Supervisor, provided the Committee with the following new CRA Agreement that will be recommended to the Board for approval.

Agreement	Years of Agreement	Estimated Annual Revenue	Estimated Total Agreement Revenue
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(A.) **Keidel Supply Company, Inc.** 12-years \$9,012.62 \$108,151.50

Description: the improvements made to the real property located at 1150 Tennessee Avenue in the Bond Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling and expansion of an existing building to add approximately 61,000 square feet of covered storage - Ordinance #431-2019, Contract #05x2020-256

- Billed But Not Collected (Aging)

Billed But Not Collected (Thru November 30)

Year	0-30 Days Old	31-60 Days Old	61-90 Days Old	90+ Days Old	Total
FY18	\$ 0.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 188.34	\$ 188.36
FY19	\$ 10,519.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,811.08	\$ 30,330.31
FY20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168,091.84	\$ 168,091.84

- CRA Payment Plan Update

**Cincinnati Development I, LLC
Outstanding Amount (Aging Report)**

Invoice #	Invoice Date	Original Amount Billed	Amount Collected	Remaining Balance
AR002456	4/15/2019	\$318,579.60	\$196,389.98	\$122,189.62
AR002683*	6/4/2019	\$264,962.96	\$77,430.52	\$187,532.44
2		\$583,542.56	\$273,820.50	\$309,722.06

*Invoiced due to Hamilton County Auditor website change to parcel adding abatement value.

**Cincinnati Development I, LLC
Proposed Payment Plan Schedule**

Payment	Due By Date	Amount
1	11/15/2019	\$103,240.69
2	12/15/2019	\$103,240.69
3	12/31/2019	\$103,240.68
		\$309,722.06

*An interest rate of up to 12% shall be incurred on each payment if not paid by set dates above.

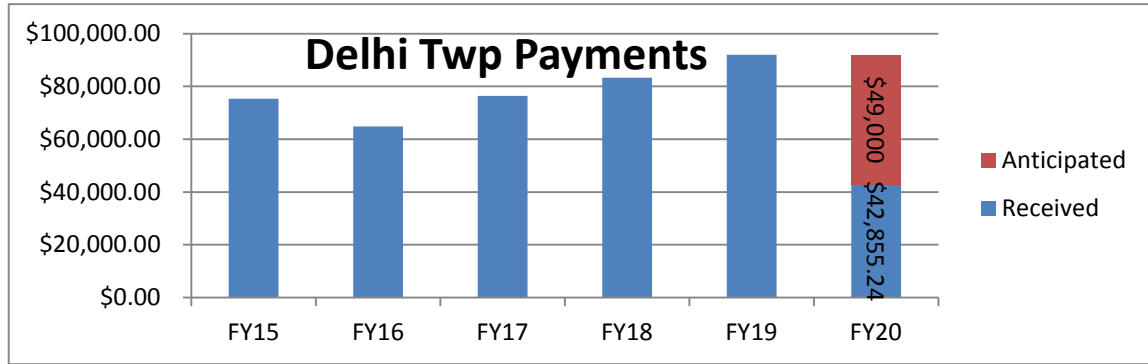
Tax Increment Review Council (T.I.R.C.) Meeting Updates

Delhi Township T.I.R.C. Meeting Update

- December 4, 2019 at 4:30 PM

- Delhi Twp administration forecasts an expected increase in property value for tax year 2020
 - Forecasted at \$93,000 for CPS
- Recent payments received

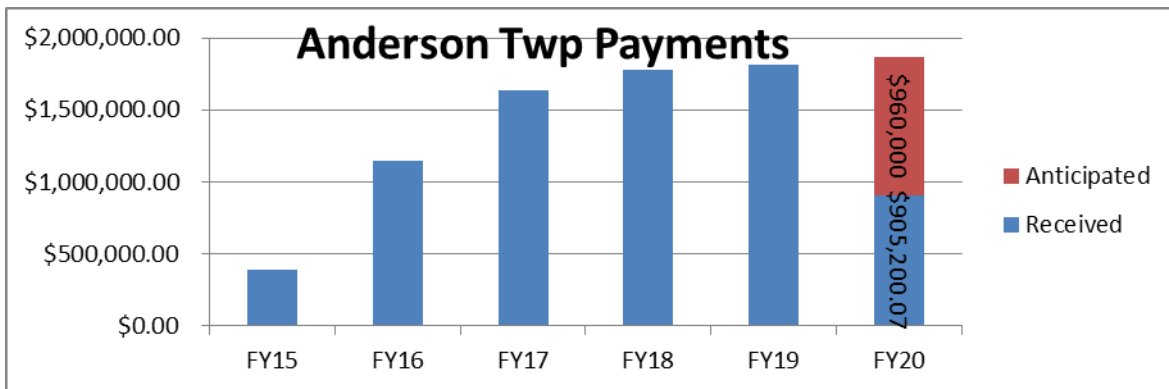
FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
\$75,354.53	\$64,868.38	\$76,375.41	\$83,285.66	\$91,989.72	\$42,855.24



Anderson Township T.I.R.C. Meeting Update

- December 5, 2019 at 2:30 PM
- Anderson Twp administration forecasts an increase in TIF revenue for next year
 - Forecasted at \$1,920,000 for CPS
- Recent payments received

FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
\$387,616.05	\$1,147,074.82	\$1,637,782.69	\$1,782,076.87	\$1,816,265.93	\$905,200.07



The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Finance Committee

Eve Bolton, Chair
 Melanie Bates
 Ryan Messer

Staff Liaisons

Jennifer Wagner, CFO/Treasurer
 Laura Mitchell, Superintendent