

**MINUTES
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #120
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024, 4:15 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Merboth, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Matt Merboth, Committee Chair

ABSENT: Mrs. Carol Alcorn

VIA TELEPHONE: Mrs. Sally Taliani

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Mrs. Jennifer Does, Business Manager, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

REVIEW/APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 16, 2024, COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the meeting minutes from January 16, 2024, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Dr. Wroblewski presented the Revenue and Expenditure reports. We are 58.3% through the year and reports are in line with current monthly business. Mrs. Does discussed Cash and Investments as of January 31, 2024, and the Cash Flow Statement with nothing out of the ordinary.

COUNSELING/PE OFFICE BID REVIEW

Dr. Wroblewski updated the committee on two bids received for the project: D. Joseph Construction Co, Peoria, IL, Counseling Office Base Bid: \$541,000 and PE Office Alternate Bid 1: \$326,000 (Total - \$867,000), and Vissering Construction Company, Streator, IL - Counseling Office Base Bid: \$358,452 and PE Office Alternate Bid 1: \$244,900 (Total - \$603,352).

The committee is recommending the Board approve of awarding Vissering Construction the contract for the Counseling and PE Offices Renovation Project. Counseling Office Base Bid: \$358,452 and PE Office Alternate Bid 1: \$244,900 (Total - \$603,352)

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to accept to recommend the Board approve of awarding Vissering Construction the contract for the Counseling and PE Offices Renovation Project. Counseling Office Base Bid: \$358,452 and PE Office Alternate Bid 1: \$244,900 (Total - \$603,352) as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Nay: None. **The motion carried**

DRIVER'S EDUCATION CAR BID UPDATE

Dr. Wroblewski and Mrs. Does provided the committee with an update regarding the bid opening scheduled for February 14th at 2:00pm. A recommendation will be presented at the regular Board meeting on February 21st.

AUTOSHOP EMERGENCY HLS AMENDMENT

Dr. Wroblewski updated the committee that the internal hanging heating units have been installed by John's Service and Sales for \$26,705. The Emergency HLS Fund request received approval from the ROE and ISBE and must be converted into a regular HLS Amendment for proper ISBE coding and

requires Board approval. The committee is recommending the Board approve of the Emergency Health Life Safety Amendment Resolution replacing the Auto Shop Furnace

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to accept to recommend the Board approve of the Emergency Health Life Safety Amendment Resolution replacing the Auto Shop Furnace, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Nay: None. **The motion carried**

546 CREVE COEUR HOME PURCHASE AND DEMOLITION UPDATE

Dr. Wroblewski and Mr. Tomminello conducted a walkthrough of the vacant property last Friday. A closing is scheduled for Friday, February 16, with Mrs. Waskowiak at Attorney Zukowski's office. Mr. Asbestos was not detected during testing, and Tomminello is contacting contractors for demolition proposals.

Early Childhood Playground/Learning Lab (Dolan Building)

Dr. Wroblewski informed the committee about the challenges in securing bids for this project when it's not integrated into a larger project. Dr. Wroblewski contacted Byrne and Jones, which has a division specializing in parks construction, and they offered an estimate. The proposal is currently under review, and if the numbers are deemed acceptable, a recommendation will be made to hire Byrne and Jones through the purchasing cooperative at the February or March Board meeting.

OTHER

Dr. Wroblewski updated the committee on the outcome of the Employee Benefits Cooperative (EBC) preliminary insurance renewal meeting that Mrs. Does and Ms. Snell attended in January. We expect to see a rate adjustment of 13.3%, which will put us over the 25% gain prior to EBC rates. We have the highest loss ratio of 147.4% (1.9 million annual cost with a loss of 2.9 million). We will continue to consult with EBC representatives on what to do differently and opportunities to become involved/invest in wellness program in efforts to reduce loss ratio.

Dr. Wroblewski provided an update to the committee regarding the VOICE Meeting he attended today. The County School Facilities Sales Tax (CSFT), one-cent sales tax, was revisited as an alternative revenue source for school districts. Approximately 60% of counties in Illinois have already passed this tax. The measure would add an additional one percent sales tax to qualifying retail purchases with limited use conditions on how school districts spend the new revenue. The committee expressed concern that the timing could interfere with Board elections if placed on the ballot for Spring 2025. Dr. Wroblewski will further discuss with individual Board members. April 1st is the deadline to present to the Board.

Mrs. Does introduced a new monthly financial report to the committee, Bond Detail Report, in which she designed to enhance transparency regarding the allocation of bond proceeds for projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried. Time 4:53 p.m.**



Mr. Matt Merboth
Committee Chair


Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary