



Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee

MEETING NOTES

April 16, 2024

Admin Building, Boardroom/Webex

6:03-8:05 p.m.

Members present: Nicole Uebel, Lyman Kaiser, Christine Roehler (V), Chip Ecks, Velvet Stepanek, Rebecca Kluck, Mark Holthouse

Members absent: Jerry Carney

Guests: Liz Tencate, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. David Khaliqi, Director of Education Insights

Ex-Officio members present: Brandan Comfort, Kim Gilstrap,
with BOE Treasurer Lauren Nelson and BOE Director Julie Ott

Preliminary Items:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. and Kim Gilstrap made the roll call.
- The committee approved the meeting agenda, with no changes expressed.

Action Items:

No action items to be addressed at this meeting.

Non-Action Items:

4. Liz Tencate introduced herself to the committee, for the first time, and spoke to the current pool of TLCs (Teaching & Learning Coaches). She explained that there is a large percentage of new Coaches in the district or coming on board in the fall, which means a steep learning curve to start the new school year. Liz went on to say that a recent survey, completed by the district TLCs, revealed that they expressed the need for more peer-to-peer support. Additionally, this team of coaches reported a large strain on their intended mission, as they are often called upon to address Assistant Principal (AP)-level topics and those more commonly asked of a testing coordinator, especially in the absence of an AP or similar administrator.

Committee members expressed concern that MLO 2000 PIP 6 (support for Literacy Resource Teachers and Teaching & Learning Coaches) has not satisfied the intent of this Plan, since inception and, although Ms. Tencate is new to the district, asked her about her plans for improvement which may gain back the trust of the taxpayers, parents, MLOOC, and community. Liz stated that she sees movement toward a cultural change, where coaching is a reality and Area Superintendents will be held accountable for upholding that alignment. She is working with the coaches to establish a more defined process, in meeting the goals of the Plan. Moving into the new school year, this process may present her team as part-time coaches and part-time teachers, expanding on the pathway of leadership.

Liz briefly spoke to MLO 2000 PIP 5 (Instructional Supplies & Materials) and indicated the need for additional funds, to replace outdated or worn teachers' workbooks and update curricula and instructional plans.

5. Dr. David Khaliqi provided a presentation that showcased the newest digital platform (TS Gold), in support of MLO 2000 PIP 20; District/Academic Achievement Level Testing and Assessments. He highlighted the ability to produce accurate metrics on students’ academic status, performance, and achievement, on a district level and a state level. The current platform accommodates reporting features to inform parents, teachers, principals, and district leadership of the students’ achievements, as well as, “Informs remediation needs to best serve students’ academic needs”.

His team is working with the D-11 IT team to ensure parents have access to this information, at all times. The Eureka data feeds help our teams to move forward, with strong performance results. Data coaches in our schools are making an impact, through Outcomes Based Consulting (OBC). In closing, Dr. Khaliqi recognizes a slight rise in state-required testing scores, but also continues to find ways to improve on reporting methods, especially for parents. He says Power School is also re-vamping the Parent Portal, in the very near future.

6. Dr. Comfort addressed the committee with budget opportunities and the need to determine where to allocate funds from the \$4.8 million currently available, from unspent MLO funds and inflationary funds. He relayed the expressed need in the following areas:

A 1-year extension on 6 th – 10 th grade curriculum	\$450,000
The district Dyslexia program	\$100,000
2 more elementary school playground upgrades	\$500,000
1 set of middle school bathroom renovations	\$800,000

Dr. Comfort commented that he was able to convince CDE to allow the use of ESSER funds to support middle school bathroom renovations, as the project was well-received, and even came for a tour of the recent changes. He then moved to the topic of Charter Schools’ funding shortage, due to the most recent board-approved charter school contracts and funding requirements.

In summary, the Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee will prepare and present a plan amendment of the Charter Schools’ Funding plans (2000-21 and 2017-9), increasing the recurring budget to accommodate the number of students enrolled in the charter schools, beginning with FY24-25. The MLOOC also unanimously agreed to the above-stated monetary needs, which will be funded from MLO 2017 PIP 14; Undesignated Recurring Revenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting: May 21, 2024