



Budget Development and Input Committee Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2019; 8:30 a.m.

Central Administration Office – Board Room

Present: Board President Brent Seaks (Chair), Superintendent Shon Hocker, Assistant Superintendent Keith Harris, Board member Jason Rodakowski, and Kent Anderson. Also present: Naomi Obrigewitch

Called to Order – The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chair Brent Seaks.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda Items – No additions or deletions

Old Business – No old business

New Business

Major Projects Schedule – Mr. Harris presented the committee with a major projects list for the summer and also discussed carryover items from last year’s approved capital projects fund budget. Mr. Harris indicated that he had worked with the building principals to create this prioritized list and all projects listed, including a contingency amount and the capital projects fund amount dedicated to debt service came within the estimated \$1,600,000 capital projects budget for the year. The committee authorized Mr. Harris to proceed as necessary with lining up the various summer projects and instructed Mr. Anderson to incorporate Mr. Harris’s schedule into the preliminary 2019-2020 Capital Projects Fund budget.

Bidding Policy – Mr. Anderson requested some guidance on expanding the district’s policy on bidding as the current policy does not contain any specifics with regards to dollar amounts. Currently state law allows construction projects that are greater than \$25,000 and less than \$150,000 to proceed without going out for bids. Mr. Anderson stated that even though it isn’t required, certain projects might get better pricing if they were bid out would also eliminate any ‘good ol’ boy’ perception by the public. Mr. Harris recommended that the district incorporate an administrative regulation that requires building construction projects with an estimated cost of between \$25,000 and \$150,000 be put out for bid and the Superintendent has the authority to approve the lowest acceptable. The committee agreed with Mr. Harris’s recommendation.

Negotiations Update – Dr. Hocker updated the committee members on the status of ongoing negotiations with certified staff and scheduled negotiations with administrators. Dr. Hocker reported that a 2% per student increase in State Foundation Aid was approved by the legislature for each of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years and State Foundation Aid for the district would also be increasing due to increased student enrollment. Dr. Hocker informed the committee that the next certified negotiations meeting was scheduled for 5:30 PM today and he felt that they were at the point where some numbers would be discussed and the budget committee would be kept informed as negotiations proceed.

Classified Work Agreements – Mr. Anderson indicated that in working through various preliminary budget discussions with Dr. Hocker, the current plan was to leave classified wages at 2018-2019 levels with a couple minor exceptions and the administration would be recommending an improved benefit package for classified staff versus salary increase. Specifically, the administration recommends that the district pick up 4% of the 7% employee retirement contribution and the administration is also interested in recommending that the board offer dental and vision insurance to staff effective 10/1/19. The current recommendation is that the district would pick up 80% of the dental insurance premiums and although vision insurance would be an added benefit, the district not pick up any of that cost however the vision insurance premiums would be available to the employees on a pre-tax basis. Dr. Hocker would like classified work agreements ready to distribute next week and asked for the committee's recommendation to the board for the benefit changes as proposed. The Committee members indicated they would recommend board approval of the above benefit changes.

Mill Levy Discussion – Mr. Anderson provided the committee members with a list showing mill levies available to the board as budget work continues and as future building fund resources and demands are considered. Mr. Rodakowski inquired as to the current mills being levied and Mr. Anderson stated that for 2018, the district levied 70.00 general fund mills (which is the maximum), 10.00 building fund mills and 29.62 sinking & interest fund mills. Other mills available and not being levied by the board are a Miscellaneous Levy with 12 available mills, a Tuition levy which could be levied to cover up to the amount necessary to cover Tuition payments made by the district and also Special Reserve Fund levy with three available mills. Mr. Anderson also noted that the Special Reserve Fund Mills are restricted as only half of those funds can be transferred into the General Fund. Discussion was had about the district needing to eventually consider some of these other mill levies to address future building and project needs.

Adjournment – At 10:42 a.m., Chair Seaks declared the meeting adjourned.