

Board of School Directors Committee Meeting Minutes**Wednesday, May 30, 2018**

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Members present: Nick Braccio, Janet Flisak, Matt Holliday, Scott Jelinski, Ken Keith, Thomas Kwiatkowski, Stephen Nelson, Donna Scheuren

Members absent: William Brong

Others present: Lisa Ball, Sharon Fuhrman, Frank Gallagher, Christopher Hey, Raymond Kase, Katie Kennedy-Reilly, and William Stone

1. Finance Committee

Mrs. Scheuren called the Finance Committee to order at 6:15 P.M.

1.1 2018-19 Budget Development Update

Mrs. Scheuren announced that this meeting was to give the Board an update on the budget development process.

Mr. Stone presented a document which stated a budget shortfall of \$1.5M at the May 9, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Stone reviewed the known and planned changes since that meeting. Expenditure reductions and revenue enhancements were factored into the budget to reduce the deficit to under \$1M. Items discussed included building and special education budgets, the Operations department budget, and a charter school tuition rate adjustment. Mr. Stone also noted that there is a savings in the personnel side of expenses, due to additional retirements.

Mr. Stone also reported budget revenue items that showed an increase since the May meeting. Those items include additional ACCESS funding, the assumed receipt of 100% of Basic Education Funding and Special Education Funding subsidies and a proposed increase to the computer protection fee.

The Committee discussed at length the budget items which are driving the shortfall. Those items include special transportation costs, charter school tuition, special education costs and PSERS contributions. Mr. Jelinski commented that it was unusual that each of the items all seemed to collide in this budget and noted the unfortunate occurrence that finds this Board with a budget shortfall.

Mrs. Scheuren stated frustration with the current state legislation that places an unfair burden on the taxpayers to fund charter schools. Mrs. Scheuren was transparent in stating that the funding formula for public education is in dire need of reform. Mrs. Schueren also commented that she has received feedback from community members that the District email communication regarding charter school funding has been well received by the public.

Other areas of discussion focused on health care claims that have been incurred but not reported. Mr. Stone noted that these outstanding (unpaid) claims make it challenging to predict and evaluate costs for the 2018-2019 budget.

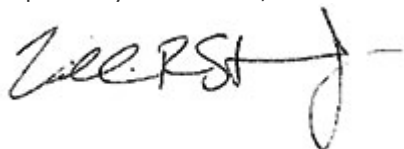
A member of the audience commented on how the school district budget directly affects senior citizens and retirees on a fixed income. Mrs. Scheuren responded that the Board is always conscious of its decisions and how they impact everyone.

Additional discussion occurred regarding high school parking fees and potential Safe Schools monies. Mrs. Scheuren encouraged Mr. Stone to continue to work through budget line items with the hope that the shortfall could be significantly reduced. There were additional comments and discussion regarding a proposed tax increase of 2.4% to balance the budget. The Board, while unified in their desire not to raise taxes, but acknowledged it is a reality.

Mrs. Scheuren announced that the next budget update would be provided on June 6th and additional meetings could be scheduled if needed.

Mrs. Scheuren adjourned the meeting at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



William R. Stone
Board Secretary