

Finance Committee Meeting
April 5, 2022 || 4:00 PM
Keil Building – Third Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Dan Oakes, Andrew Taylor, Bobbi Williams, Dr. Mike Curry, and Jeff Dase

Others Present: Kim Kurtenbach (BLDD), Mark Ritz (BLDD), Kent Metzger, Mary Ann Schloz, Michelle Dixson, Joe Caputo, and Jennifer Sommer

The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM. There was no public participation and the minutes from the February 1, 2022 meeting were approved.

Student Activity Account

- There is currently language on the form to establish a student activity account that says “this request for establishment of a student activity/convenience account is approved by the Board of Education
- Administration seeking guidance as to whether the Board wants to approve establishment of each student activity account
- Committee recommended that the language can be removed from the form
- Questions were asked regarding the process of closing activity accounts

BKD Engagement Letter

- Provides end of year financial work
- Additional cost over the original engagement letter
 - \$15,000
- Does not require Board approval

Debit Cards – MHS and EHS Athletic Departments

- Discussion was had regarding debit cards for high school athletic directors
- The debit card would stay with the high school athletic directors with a low limit (\$400)
 - Can be used for fuel in the white buses for athletic events or other preapproved items
- Committee members were okay with the concept of the debit card as long as the limit is low and monitored
- Committee recommended that Dr. Curry submit information in the weekly update regarding the debit cards

Hudl

- Software program that uses video uploads to track statistics for athletics
- Gold package (\$26,000/year) being recommended due to storage hours on video
- Committee recommended that Dr. Curry submit information in the weekly update regarding HUDL and that it is added to the April 12th Board agenda for recommendation of approval

Sale of Surplus Items to Employees

- Committee discussed the sale of surplus items to employees if similar items had been sold at auction
- District used to be able to sale items in the Annex to employees for the price of what items sold for at auction
- This no longer happens – Administration asked for the history on this and why it no longer happens
- Committee member Oakes thought it was in Statute
 - Recommended that Dr. Curry ask Brian Braun

Roofing Improvements Update

- On March 8, 2022, reports were taken to the Board for awarding roofing improvements at MacArthur, Pershing, and South Shores
- The cover sheets stated that services covered by the bids would be paid for under Fund 60; they will be paid out of Fund 90 instead

Enterprise Zone Update

- Decatur/Macon County Enterprise one was created in 2016
 - Provides for incentives for new and re-development
- Amended property tax abatement incentive being requested to bring more developments to Macon County
 - Property tax abatement would be for three years
- Committee recommended that Dr. Curry submit information in the weekly update regarding the Enterprise Zone Resolution and add it to the April 12 Board agenda for recommendation of approval

Quarterly Report

- Dr. Curry provided the quarterly report (education fund expenditure by budget control group) to the committee

CARES Funding Update (American Dreamer)

- American Dreamer updates were discussed by Kim Kurtenbach and Mark Ritz with BLDD Architects
- Updates to the project include:
 - Required landscaping by city
 - New bus lane (needed space for 17 buses)
 - Added lighting
 - Landscaping by office area
 - Parking at entry
 - Parent drop-off
 - All new paving
 - Wanted a bigger gym to be tournament level gym with 400 seat bleachers
 - Increased from \$2.8 to \$4 million
 - Separate contract to do all new windows
 - Windows were connected to asbestos in building
 - Asbestos removal – \$500,000 has been budgeted

- North end is alternate – \$2.5 million
- It was decided to approach this topic again at the next Finance Committee meeting on May 3rd, 2022
- Bids are set to open on April 13, Kim Kurtenbach suggested to move date to April 26
 - This will give enough time to review MBE and for May 10th Board packets

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM