

Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 7, 2021
4:00 PM || Keil Building || Third Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Todd Covault; Dan Oakes; Andrew Taylor; and Jeff Dase

Others Present: Mary Ann Schloz and Denise Swarhout

Minutes from the August 3, 2021 Finance Committee meeting were approved by consensus.

ISBE Maintenance Grant

- General Assembly appropriated \$47 million to ISBE for School Maintenance Project Entitlement Grants not to exceed \$50,000 per District
- Upon approval, funds from the grant would support the District's investment to improve the track at Stephen Decatur Middle School
 - District also received a gracious gift from the James Millikin Estate Trust to support this improvement

Food Service Agreement

- Agreement has been submitted to the Board twice previously for approval
 - ISBE altered the allowable revenue source to pay the food service provider
 - ISBE altered the bill back agreement
- This third agreement replaces the prior two agreements and sets the "direct" rate the District pays Aramark.
 - Aramark is paid \$2.98 per lunch to serve students
 - District receives \$4.10 back for reimbursement from federal sources
- Aramark would otherwise lose \$209,000 from the minimum wage increase
- This Agreement would be taken for a third time for recommendation of Board approval at the September 14th Board meeting

Johns Hill Landscaping Bids

- Bid opening is September 14, 2021
- Bid results will be taken to the Board on September 28, 2021
- Anticipated cost of \$50,000 - \$60,000
- District is hopeful to receive bids; landscaping companies have been in high demand
- Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) goals are in effect due to the project being part of the BOLD plan

City Land Acquisition

- City of Decatur and School District jointly agreed upon a transaction and exchange of property located near Johns Hill for intention of a Johns Hill Community Garden
- District would pay the City of Decatur a \$10 fee
- City of Decatur would take care of Quit Claim Deed and filing process
- The Recommendation will be submitted for Board approval at the September 14th meeting

CARES

- Discussions regarding items noted on a possible project list that should be supported.
- Need to look at priorities of the CARES budget and negotiate maintenance related projects with SEIU-B
- Extended Day Program – Teaching and Learning indicated that the program is not part of the T&L Department.
- Committee member Oakes suggested funding two more years of summer school to support student losses from the pandemic
- 20% must be allocated from CARES III to address academic loss
- Teaching and Learning suggested Summer School and take-home materials as well as extending the school day and school year

Maintenance Negotiations BOLD Facility Memorandum of Understanding

- SEIU Local #73 (Maintenance Department) and Board of Education entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on October 8, 2019
- On November 11, 2020, Covault prepared an agreement of work schedule with SEIU #73 (Maintenance Department) for summer 2021
- Covault and Schloz were asked to attend leadership meeting with Superintendent Williams, Board President Oakes, and Board Vice President Taylor
 - Covault/Schloz will prioritize items known for a fact that CARES will pay for
 - Need to determine the work Maintenance employees desire
- Authority will eventually be needed to negotiate maintenance contract implications

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM