

Members Present: Todd Covault; Fred Bouchard; Paul Fregeau; Brian Hodges; Beth Nolan; and Bobbi Williams

Others Present: Kay Geskey; Kendall Briscoe; Deanne Hillman; Dan Oakes; Beth Creighton; Krystina Pettit; Susie Niesman; Rhonda Thornton; Joshua Peters; Sherri Perkins; Paula Busboom; and Courtney Carson

There was no public participation and the minutes from the September 4, 2018 meeting were approved by acclamation.

Budget Review

- Deficit of \$3.2 million
 - Tentative budget previously had a \$4 million deficit
- Relevant changes to budget since tentative budget was presented in August
 - Education Fund
 - Evidence Based Funding
 - \$226,000 (\$100 less than budgeted)
 - Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax (CPPRT)
 - Estimated at \$71,000 more than presented in tentative budget
 - Special Education Orphanage Individual
 - In late August the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) processed another claim for \$398,000 (Special Education Categorical)
 - Orphanage Tuition
 - State overpaid by \$16,000; over estimated by \$34,000; budgeted \$50,000 more
 - Flow throw Special Education – IDEA B
 - Additional \$43,000 in carryover
 - Grants
 - Added Title I School Improvement Grant (additional \$625,000)
 - State Ag Ed Grant
 - Coincides with Ag Academy Buffet Grant (\$25,000 increase in one and \$25,000 decrease in the other)
 - Salaries and Benefits
 - Down almost \$700,00 due to vacancies, health insurance adjustment, and substitutes
 - Macon Piatt Special Education Adjusted bill revised
 - Cost District \$335,000 more
 - Community Engagement Secretary (increase of \$50,000)
 - Added based on conversation by the Board
 - Phoenix – Renting Skywalker for Physical Education class (increase of \$10,500)
 - Robertson Charter School – Per Pupil Allocation \$75,000 more than budgeted for
 - State Ag Education – Does not match revenue
 - State is not picking up board paid portion of the salaries, life insurance, and health insurance
 - Transportation Funds
 - Decreased by \$74,120

- Less to transportation more to education funds
 - Revenues and expenditures decreased accordingly (wash between the two)
 - IMRF
 - New Positions / filling vacancies
 - Capital Projects
 - Revenues up \$200,000 based upon settlement agreement approved by the Board
 - Tort Immunity
 - Expenditures down (Police Officers – Contract with Decatur)
 - Retirees being replaced
 - Fire Prevention and Safety
 - Increased budget for fire prevention to focus on fire prevention projects
- Primary Concerns and One Time Purchases
 - \$3.2 million is not a sustainable deficit if it happens every year
 - \$200,000 expense this year for care room furnishings (one time cost)
 - Research purchasing student management software – one time purchase (\$200,000)
 - Buildings and Grounds – Fund 20 up \$660,000
 - \$100,000 associated with wages/benefits
 - Hoping to tone down in final budget
 - I.T. budget is up \$575,000
 - I.T. Audit one time cost
 - Board requested \$500,000 budgeted for Strategic Planning
 - Community Engagement Secretary added per Board conversation (\$50,000)
 - Curriculum – Increase between textbook and instructional materials
 - Robertson Charter up \$75,000
 - District expended more last year Robertson Charter gets more this year
 - Education Based Funding
 - Budgeted higher than what District will receive
 - Over estimated by \$226,000
 - FY18 enrollment down over FY17
- Operating vs. Strategic Discussion
 - This year – budgeted \$500,000 as contingency for Strategic Plan (as necessary)
 - Need to build the budget different in the future to align with Strategic Plan
 - Every program needs to provide its worth going forward
 - What needs to be done this current year for next year’s budget to be built?

Administrative / Administrative Support Handbook

- Covault’s recommendation is to remove item from the September 25th Board agenda due to external factors
 - Committee agreed to hold the handbook at this time

Facility Discussion

- Additional questions were provided to Superintendent for the Frequently Asked Questions

Meeting adjourned at 7:45AM