

Finance Committee Meeting

June 2, 2020 || 4:00 PM

Keil Building || Third Floor Conference Room and audio (the space accommodated ten individuals under Pandemic rules)

Members Present: Todd Covault; Beth Nolan; Beth Creighton (on behalf of member Dan Oakes), Paul Fregeau; Fred Bouchard (via audio); and Jeff Dase (via audio)

Members Absent: Dan Oakes

Others Present: Lisa Jones; Deanne Hillman (via audio); Andrew Taylor (via audio); Regan Lewis (via audio); Ashley Grayned (via audio); Kendall Briscoe (via audio); Denise Swarhout (via audio); Mary Ann Schloz (via audio) and Michelle Mitchell

Public Participation

- Michelle Mitchell introduced herself as the new President of the Decatur Federation of Teaching Assistants (DFTA)

The minutes from the February 4, 2020 meeting were approved by acclamation.

Food Service

- Cafeteria Monitor Contract, Food Service Contract Extension, and the Food Service Allowable Billback Agreement will be taken to the Board on June 9th for consideration

Discussion of Joint Agreement

- Committee members were provided a document highlighting the origination of the joint agreement among member districts of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District (MPSED)
- Agreement was entered on March 22, 2010
 - Section 2.3.a states that the designated administrative district provides notice to the Chairperson of the Executive Board and the Director of Special Education no later than July 1 of its intent to no longer serve as the administrative district for the following year
- Administration recommends notifying the respective parties before July 1 of this year that the District intends to no longer serve as the administrative agent
 - The District could reconsider if agreeable terms are met among the member districts
- By-law amendment concepts were discussed
 - Committee member Nolan encouraged the development of a prioritized ordered list
 - Executive Cabinet will discuss the rank order of related issues
 - Administration will present at the June 23rd Board Meeting for consideration

Sales Tax – Refunding

- Collected \$5.4 million last year
 - State estimates collections to be down 25%
 - In 2021, anticipated collections \$4,013,000
- Anticipating collecting 87% in Calendar Year 2020 of the required debt service payment
- Refunding Considerations
 - Structure to have no payments in first year
 - Build up reserves
 - Standardize payments going forward
 - Payments would be \$4.2 million each year
 - No future escalation in collections required

- Restructure would allow approximately \$1 million per year for building projects starting in about two years
- June 23 – approve resolution of intent
 - Restart process
- Repeat BINA hearing
 - BINA hearing will take place again in July
- Committee member Nolan asked if the timeline could be accelerated
 - Covault will discuss with Ann Noble, Stifel, to squeeze the calendar

CARES Act

- Allocated \$4,978,785
- Not allowed to spend monies until a budget is ISBE approved
- District set aside for privates is not yet known
 - Includes private high schools in addition to normal K8
 - Adding St. Teresa and LSA
 - Includes Robertson Charter School
- Concepts have been put together via Google Doc
 - Members of DEA, Technology Staff, and Central Administration
- Preliminary Plan List presented to the committee
 - Buckets allowing for budget amendments at a later to refine the expenditure plan
- Allowed to supplant
- Monies must be spent by September 2021

Operational Budget – Anticipated Revenue

- FY19 - End year with 22% Fund Balance
 - Policy requires 20%
- Anticipate FY20 Education Fund balance will be up modestly because substitutes, supplies, etc. were not purchased due to the pandemic
- Anticipate receiving most revenues in FY20
 - Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax (CPPRT) modestly less than anticipated
- Transportation - FY20 revenues from FY19 Expenses
 - Expenses down due to lack of transportation
 - Anticipate Transportation Fund to be up modestly
- FY21 Estimates
 - Property Tax - Assessed Value up modestly
 - Collections could be down modestly due to loss of employment
 - Expenses exceed budgeted revenue by \$47,200
 - Added to two positions to budget (\$112,105)
 - Between lost revenue (\$2 million) and increased expenses (\$4.5 million) FY21 budget imbalance could be more than \$6 million
 - Covault will work with department to reduce substantial increases

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM