

Twinsburg Board of Education Finance Subcommittee Meeting

Monday, November 19, 2018

Twinsburg Board of Education Office ~ 7:30 a.m.

11136 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Matt Cellura, Rob Felber, Kathi Powers, Marty Aho, Chad Welker, Jen Farthing, Beth Mariola

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:38 a.m.

Minutes from May 11, 2018 Finance Subcommittee Meeting were approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Renewal Levy:

- The Levy renewal process needs to start 90 days prior to the election.
- First resolution will be on the December 12, 2019 Board agenda, second resolution will be on the January 9, 2019 agenda.
- The levy will be a \$4 million emergency levy – it is a fixed sum renewal levy. Will collect \$4 million a year over a 10-year period.
- There is a need to find a Treasurer for the Blue Ribbon Schools Committee.
- Committees will be up and running in January.
- Twinsburg Chamber will be using the High School for a Business Expo on March 9th. Blue Ribbon Schools Committee could plan a Pancake Breakfast the same day.

Consolidation of Utilities:

- Chad discussed a program sponsored by OSC that could potentially save the District on utility costs.
- Cost up front is \$12,500 to conduct a study to look at preliminary numbers and determine the savings. This is a deposit and is refundable.
- EUS assumes cost for repairs.
- Utilities are consolidated into one meter

Petty Cash for Athletic Trips:

- Currently employees are paying the fuel costs for trips and are then reimbursed.
- Coaches and Advisors buy lunch for kids and provide receipts for reimbursement.
- Suggestion was made to set up a Petty Cash account so the employee, coach, and/or advisor does not have to pay up front and then wait to be reimbursed.
- For fuel charges, a Fleet Program credit card was brought up. Benefit could be fuel savings with the program. Could also streamline the process
- Would need a clear process as to who could hold card and who would audit the card. Treasurer could not audit the card, would have to be another Administrator.
- Agreed to further pursue a policy and audit procedure.

Learning Lab Pilot:

- Talked about the Blended Learning model at the October 15th Professional Development Day.
- Blended Learning involves students taking charge of learning. Students are more independent
- Lauren Pfenning and Carla Haas at George G. Dodge Intermediate School have been

experimenting with Blended Learning.

- Proposal to have a pilot pair of teachers at each grade level (K-6) to see how the model might work in our classrooms with our students.
- Would be an application process for the teachers interested in taking part. Teachers would eventually need to be Google certified.
- Development of Learning Lab would not accelerate the rollout of Chromebooks.
- Blended Learning is research-based. Students are more engaged and excited about learning. Teachers are able to catch where kids are struggling quicker by working in smaller groups.
- Technology allows for immediate feedback of student work.
- TEA leadership is in support of this proposal.

Summer STEM Camp:

- Akron Inventors Hall of Fame suggested our District have a STEM Camp here.
- Akron Inventors Hall of Fame has not had to pay rent in other districts. Teachers would be paid by the Akron Inventors Hall of Fame. There is no kick-back to the District.
- A facility would be needed for one week 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Janitors are already on duty.
- In comparison – The District does not charge the Sheriff's Office rental fees for Safety Town
- Cost to families would be \$250 per student.
- Approval was provided to secure an agreement with the Akron Inventors Hall of Fame to bring a STEM Camp to our school community for the summer of 2019.

Agreement with the City of Twinsburg:

- Discussion of changes and revisions still needed/

Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Meeting Minutes Approved on March 4, 2019.