

Twinsburg Board of Education Finance Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, February 4, 2021 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Samuel Bissell Elementary School, 1811 Glenwood Drive, Twinsburg

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Mark Curtis, Rob Felber, Kathi Powers, Marty Aho, Chad Welker

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Minutes from the September 10, 2020 Finance Subcommittee Meeting were approved.

Motion was made to add an additional Discussion Item regarding the Dr. Pepper/Snapple partnership.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Pepper/Snapple Partnership:

- Original Agreement was to provide \$10,000 per year (two payments) for 5 years to the District and \$150 yearly to the Foundation and rebates from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year. These amounts were based off sale numbers when originally contracted.
- Revenues this past year have declined due to the pandemic and the cancellation of numerous events where product would have been sold.
- We are in the 4th year of the agreement. Dr. Pepper/Snapple paid the first three years. Have not received any payments this year except \$150 to the Foundation.
- Dr. Pepper/Snapple is asking for a pause in the agreed payment this year due to the reduced sales.
- Board: Understands that all businesses are hurting. Possible solution – pay \$5,000 this year in 2 payments. Chad will discuss with the representative and report out at the next Finance Subcommittee Meeting.

Expenditures Caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- Careful planning, along with the District's cash flow and the one-time funds offered by the CARES Act and ESSER have provided the funding revenue to meet the various needs caused by the ongoing pandemic.
- Plans for next year can only be preliminary – based on CDC guidelines which continue to evolve.
- Currently, the District is remeasuring classrooms to determine the capacity with 4.5' social distance
- Parents and staff members will be asked for their feedback by way of surveys. The surveys will be released to parents and staff members in mid-March.
- Staffing needs will be determined once classroom configurations are determined.
- Legislative action has to be taken for school districts to offer Virtual offerings in 21/22.

\$5 Million Emergency Levy Renewal:

- Explanation of money received from the CARES Act will need to be clear with the public in

discussion of the renewal levy. CARES money is only a one-time thing and can only be used for pandemic related expenses – use is very restricted.

- The community needs to have clear and precise information regarding the money received and used for the extra COVID expenditures compared to the need for the renewal levy and regular expenses.
- Everything has been sent to the Board of Elections for the May 4th election. The City will also be placing a levy on the ballot.
- Blue Ribbon Schools will soon reconvene. Walt Hoffman will again be the representative for the Reminderville community.
- Patti Koslo will be contracted for the marketing/publication piece.
- Committee chairs will be meeting March 1st. Everyone's involvement will be important.
- Even without COVID the District would need the renewal levy in order to maintain the current educational programs.
- This is a renewal levy which means residents will not be paying any additional taxes.

Student Fees, 2021/2022:

- Determining pay to participate fees involves several factors. Transportation restrictions may impact costs for athletic fees.
- Board: Still need to move forward and calculate student fees

Negotiations with TEA:

- District team is developing the Board's initial proposal. TEA will soon develop their initial proposal.
- Reports regarding negotiations will be brought to Executive Session.

Anticipated Energy Conservation Project:

- Ohio Schools Council has vetted out two contracts to provide energy conservation and optimization to member districts – Energy Optimizers and Gardiner Service Company.
- This project would provide lighting (interior and exterior) and HVAC updates for the buildings. Possible projects might include: replacing lighting elements with LED, boilers, heating pumps, cooling towers, and all mechanical controls being operated through a common system.
- Chad and the maintenance staff used the 2016 and 2019 facilities assessments as a guide and went room by room to identify areas to improve. Consideration will be given to any improvements made at George G. Dodge Intermediate School and the ability to move units to other buildings if another direction is taken with the building. Will focus on versatility of improvements.
- Chad would be looking for a vendor that guarantees savings to the District. Payments should match energy savings for up to 15 years. Project would be funded with the energy savings.

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 18, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Mark Curtis Adjourned meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Approved on March 18, 2021