

## **Twinsburg Board of Education Finance Subcommittee Meeting**

Thursday, March 18, 2021 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Samuel Bissell Elementary School, 1811 Glenwood Drive, Twinsburg

### **Meeting Minutes**

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Minutes from the February 4, 2021 Finance Subcommittee Meeting were approved.

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

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### ***Dr. Pepper/Snapple Partnership Update:***

- Dr. Pepper/Snapple is now able to honor the payment schedule as outlined in their original partnership agreement - \$10,000 payment to the District this year; \$10,000 next year and \$5,000 in year six. They would like to extend the contract for one year and continue sales of their products to make up for lost revenue. There would be no payment back to the District. Board approved extension can be considered with Board action to approve an addendum.

#### ***Process for Financing Energy Conservation Project:***

- Mr. Aho and Mr. Welker will be meeting with financial vendors to discuss rates for the financing of the Energy Conservation Project – Huntington, PNC will be a few. Will look for the best rates from the banks and hope to have a proposal by mid-April for approval at the May 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

#### ***Student Fees, 2021/2022:***

- Academic fees were discussed.
- Each area for which fees are assessed are analyzed annually.
- Some costs have risen significantly.
- ESSER and Cares grant funds are used whenever possible to cover some of the internet tool costs as related to the pandemic. Cost of workbooks alone is responsible for most of the per pupil academic costs.
- After discussion, Board was in favor of not increasing any of the academic fees for the 2021-22 school year. Preschool tuition fees will also remain the same.
- Because free breakfasts and lunches will still be offered in the 2021-22 school year to all students, the importance of completing Free and Reduced Applications will be critical and the Superintendent will be determining how best to advertise this.
- Pay-to-Participate fees were discussed.
- Again, these fees, like Academic Fees, are analyzed annually. A “25% of the actual cost of running each program” methodology is used to develop recommendations.

- Title IX states that if a sport has both boys and girls teams, fees charged must be the same.
- Board approved proposals as noted pertaining to Pay-to-Participate Fees.
- Facility Rentals were discussed.
- Mr. Welker consulted with the District's insurance company as well as District's legal counsel.
- Any group using facilities will provide proof of liability insurance with the District being named as an insured.
- Due to COVID-19 the District will only be renting outside facilities. Groups will need to meet with the compliance officer to discuss safety protocols prior to event.
- Discussion of issues when renting facilities to different groups ensued – cleanliness, staffing shortages – these have only increased with the pandemic
- Board approved Facility Rental Fees as presented.
- All fees discussed during the meeting will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration.

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

Minutes approved on July 28, 2021.