

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

Thursday, September 10, 2020 ~ 4:30 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 4:43 p.m.

Minutes from the April 21, 2020 Finance Subcommittee Meeting were approved.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### ***Expenditures Caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic:***

- Treasurer, Marty Aho discussed additional costs incurred because of COVID-19.
- Some of the extra costs at this point include:
  - Two (2) extra days for teachers to move their classrooms – approximately \$185,000.00
  - Extra janitors hired
  - Extra lunchroom/playground assistants hired
  - One (1) additional Beech Brook Social Worker
  - Nursing staff for extra clinics (this need will be monitored as the year progresses to determine long term need)
  - Hand sanitizer/sanitizer stations, PPE
  - Backpacks
  - Plexiglass
  - Cleaning/sanitizing items
- Extra staff due to COVID has been hired under a one (1) year contract, per MOU's with TEA and TSSA.
- Estimate that an additional \$1.8 million has been spent for staffing; close to \$3 million total has/will be spent for COVID related expenses.
- CARES money received (\$60,000.00) is a one-time thing, we should not get that money again.
- Some expenses like sanitization will continue.
- Additional \$63,000.00 was needed for Chromebooks for a 1:1 with all students. Chromebooks were already budgeted for but this expense had to be accelerated. Never planned for younger students to get Chromebooks. Elementary students was going to be a 2:1 cart model but because of COVID all students had to be 1:1. The last levy passed for the purposes of purchasing Chromebooks but the plan had to change because of COVID.
- Original plan was to purchase desktop computers for teachers but because of COVID, laptops had to be purchased.
- Because the school year is just starting, expenses are still unknown.
- Were there any energy related savings due to the shutdown? Very minimal savings from energy, insurance and fuel. Chad will calculate savings.
- Are there any projects that did not happen this year because of COVID? The only large price tag item was the purchase of blended learning furniture because it could not be used this school year.
- It is important to know that our fund balance allowed the District to be open for business and keep the students and staff safe while providing education to all the students.
- Some things, like hand sanitizer, will be a recurring expense. The next couple of weeks will give us an idea of what to expect for next school year as far as recurring expenses due to COVID.

***\$5 Million Emergency Levy Renewal:***

- The Committee agrees that the District cannot function without the renewal levy. November's deadline is past. Next opportunity has not been determined yet because of COVID. May would be the next typical regular election time. Expenses in regards to personnel will continue to climb if things remain the same. There are still a lot of unknowns so to plan based on what is happening now is the safe way. This is a no new tax levy.
- Even without COVID the District would need the renewal levy in order to maintain the current educational programs.
- COVID is shedding light on some of the issues we have with the buildings. Some lessons have been learned through the pandemic.

***Conceptual Legacy Project:***

- Facilities Action Team should reconvene to discuss the situation we are in now and how it would relate to the Conceptual Legacy Project. If this pandemic continues, as it seems it will, the Facilities Action Team should review their plans and determine if adjustments are needed. A look at what other districts were/were not able to do based on their district structure is important.

The Board will continue to be mindful of the current pandemic and the circumstances that may now be affecting the families of the District. They will continue to be sensitive to situations that may have occurred for families because of COVID-19.

Mark Curtis Adjourned meeting at 6:03 p.m.