

Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting

May 19, 2020

The Twinsburg City School District Board of Education met in SPECIAL session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. The Meeting was convened in a Virtual Setting due to health and safety concerns attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. The following board members were present: Mr. Curtis (President), Mrs. Davis (Vice-President), Mrs. DeFabio, Mr. Felber, and Mrs. Gordon. Recordings and Board approved Minutes are available on the District's web site. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHdzLod1F1WVD03teMxeGrA/live> Mr. Curtis, presiding, called the meeting to order.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Special Meeting Work Session was convened to discuss the four items as listed:

Finances were reviewed by the Treasurer. Reviewed the Financial Strategic Planning Flowchart timelines, in particular the renewal levy cycle. Reviewed the Financial Detail Report as of May 6, 2020. Next the discussion transitioned to the COVID-19 effect on the State General Fund Revenues and the cuts enacted by the Governor ending the State's fiscal year of June 30th in the black. For Twinsburg School District the cuts are \$874,259 to the May and June State Foundation payments. The Federal government to help fend off the financial chasm infused CARES funds into the funding mix. Twinsburg School District is to receive \$312,683 in federal funds. And finally there may be some Off-set dollars to help disproportionately impacted districts such as Twinsburg. While Twinsburg School District is well positioned to weather the storm for now. The big concern is the cumulative impact and potential lingering duration the COVID-19 pandemic will have on Revenues as well as Expenditures.

Academic Fees discussion was initiated by the Superintendent. A brief look back was taken at how and when fees were introduced. As a part of the 2012 Operational Change Plan fees became a vital part of the District's revenue stream. The Operational Change Plan included substantial cuts to expenditures (salaries, benefits and operational functions). Also included was a new levy and the institution of fees for academics, extracurricular and consumable classroom materials. Jennifer Farthing, Director of Curriculum, touched on the few adjustments to academic fees in order to cover the partial cost of additions to the materials list.

Pay-to-Participate fees were discussed. The factors involved in the calculations were touched on. Notably the cost of a program is divided by the average number of participants and the twenty-five percent of that number is suggested as the Pay-to-Participate fee. Free and reduced cost students are given a cost break. There were a couple of programs that saw the addition of a supplemental position and thereby costs increased accordingly. Over time the cost and participation levels have been stable

Rental Fees discussion centered on not knowing if and when school district buildings and grounds will re-open to the public and students having been shut down by Governor, DeWine. The fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic adds confusion on all levels of state and local government. Questions of whether the virus will continue to spread, abate or will a vaccine be available in the near future were considered. Was decided to put a hold on further Rental Fee considerations and the current fee schedule will remain in effect.

20-187 Adjournment

Mr. Curtis moved and Mr. Felber seconded that the Twinsburg Board of Education adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

Ayes: Mr. Curtis, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. DeFabio, Mr. Felber, and Mrs. Gordon.
The Board President declared the meeting adjourned.

Board President

Treasurer

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