Minutes of the March 2018 Finance Committee Meeting

The meeting of the Mercer County School District Board of Education Finance Committee was held on Monday, March 19th, at 4:30 p.m., at the Unit Office. Persons present were Board Members Barbara Chiles, Julie Wagner, Jake Frieden; and Supt Scott Petrie.

Call to Order at 4:30 p.m. by Chiles, Roll Call: Chiles, Wagner, Frieden, Supt Scott Petrie

Frieden moved, Wagner seconded to approve the February 2018 Finance Committee meeting minutes as amended (starting time was incorrect). Motion passes.

Old Business:

1. Revenue – General State Aid continues to arrive on time. Transportation reimbursement is behind approximately $300,000 for the year so far. Any monies that flow through the ROE have not been paid - they get their money from the State. CPPRT so far has paid $375,000 but were supposed to pay approximately $676,000 in FY 18. IDEA (Spec Ed) money is lagging as well. In total, between Federal and State sources of revenue, we are short more than $500,000.

2. Current Fund Balances – No concerns at this time.

3. Evidence Based Funding Update – HIB 5812 that gives details on how new funding formula will distribute State funds has passed the House and has been sent to the Senate. Still looking to an April date for final new formula numbers for each district.

4. Review of Monthly Health Insurance Account – Expenses this month - $172,465.29, with deposits of $118,561.36. Our balance total has decreased to $335,855.60 - compared to last month’s $389,759.53. We are expecting a credit of $85,000 for claims in excess of our Stop Loss Limit, but it is being delayed. Also, March’s numbers look especially good for next month’s report.

5. Ten Year Health Life Safety Plan – As will be voted on at regular meeting, reviewed the bid proposals for door work (Trotter @ $443,497), scaffolding (Scaffold Erectors International Equipment @ $47,300), auditorium curtain replacement (Norcostco, Inc @ $35,150), asbestos work (opened Monday, March 19 – Midwest Service Group @ $140,796), and audio/projection system (received Monday, March 19 – Integrated Audio @ $60,000). Mr Petrie went over his recommendations. The Trotter bid was significantly under the budget in HLS plan, so architect reviewed with company and is satisfied with their bid. The total for these is $726,743. Many were below budgeted amount in HLS plan, so we may add additional projects to the summer work so we can complete them sooner rather than later. In April, the Auditorium renovation bid will be opened.

6. New Auditors – Two auditors presented bids to the district for their services. Bohnsack & Frommelt bid was $17,000 to $17,500 for each of three years. Gorenz’s bid was $15,750 for one year. Due to cost difference, Mr Petrie recommends hiring Gorenz. Sees no difference in services.

7. O&M Supply line items – Concerns that electricity costs will be quite a bit over budget this year.
8. **Expense Reports** – Several lines are over 100% spent, with many items calculating incorrectly (math errors).

9. **Girls Track Hotel Costs** – Girls Track account at the high school will be covering hotel expenses at State meet this year.

**New Business**

10. **Education Foundation** – Loosel Flake has issued another matching grant challenge to the foundation. If they can raise $15,000 by October 1st, 2018, they will match that amount as a donation.

11. **The Effect of Transportation Prorated Funding on our District** – Table included in board packet. Due to the proration of transportation funding since consolidation, the lack in state reimbursement has cost our district $931,796. That is money we have had to recoup from local sources.

12. **Reviewed the Financial Information on the Consent Agenda** – asked questions concerning the Bill List / Mastercard List, Activity Accounts, Building Accounts, Imprest Fund, Financial Reports, and Treasurer’s Reports (now called the Balance Sheets). Mr. Petrie offered answers at the meeting.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 16th at 4:30 p.m. in the Unit Office.

Frieden made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Wagner seconded, motion passed at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Wagner, Finance Committee Secretary