

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2015
7:00 p.m. District Administration Building

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Administration Building. In attendance were: Chairperson Mark P. Dehnert and Committee Members Kelly Spletzer and Thomas J. DiBello. Board Members Joseph P. Ciresi and Will Cromley were also present. Ryan Wall, Limerick Tax Collector was also in attendance. From the Administration were, Dr. David Goodin, Superintendent and Timothy Anspach, Business Manager.

A. Review of Minutes – March 10, 2015 minutes were accepted as presented.

B. Bond Refunding of Series of 2005 and Series A of 2007.

- Mr. Edward R. Murray, Boenning & Scattergood, Inc. was in attendance to review the refunding status of the Preliminary Official Statement and the expected Bond Sale on April 27, 2015. The Bond Resolutions are on the April board agenda. It is estimated the refunding will save a million dollars a year for the next 3 years for a total savings of 3 million dollars.

C. Review of the March Executive Monthly Reports

- **Assessment Status Reports** – Net Assessments are up approximately \$64.7M for 2014-15, representing \$1.66M in new tax dollars for 2015-16 (if assessments remain constant).
- **Real Estate Transfer** – 2014-15 collections are running slightly higher than last years' time period and if this holds constant for the balance for the rest of year, the district will collect slightly over the projected budget.
- **EIT Reports** - 2014-15 collections are currently reflecting an increase over last year and if this holds true for the balance of the year, the district will collect over the projected budget.
- **Self-fund Insurance Claims** – As of March, approximately \$623K under budget for 2014-15.
- **Payroll Status** – Projected approximately \$500,000 under budget for 2014-15, in relation to past payroll expense data.
- **State Reimbursement Status** – Current State funds are ahead by \$415,000 and expected to meet the budget amount of \$25.6 Million for 2014-15.
- **Cafeteria Participation Report** – Meal counts are slightly lower compared to same period last year.
- **Cafeteria Delinquent Collections Report** – The outstanding unpaid meal balance is currently \$9,769. The district expects to see improvements to the outstanding total by requiring students to make payments of debt before participating in school activities.

- **Assessment appeals** currently reflecting a potential cumulative loss of 2.7 million.
- Fiscal Year Revenue/Expenditures estimates reflect a balance of over 1 million dollars

D. Review of Transportation Contracts Rates of other Districts.

- Discussions occurred on the option to do an RFP (Request for Proposal) or Negotiate. The Finance committee agreed to begin the process of negotiating and Dr. Goodin will begin discussions with the district transportation contractor.

E. Status of Per Capita Files

- Mr. Anspach gave a status of using Berkheimer EIT files to generate Per Capita Bills. Using EIT files on a 1 year look back and criteria of \$5,000 will be more reliable since the files are based on EIT activity that occurred in the last year.

F. Funding Technology Equipment – Purchase versus Lease arrangement.

- An option was presented of purchasing equipment versus Leasing. Over a period of 4 years the savings for the purchasing equipment (\$750,000) rather than Leasing was approximately \$50,000. The committee decided to delay this until a future year, since there are other issues to consider.

G. 2015-16 Budget Development

- The committee reviewed the status of budget development. Using all the state revenue as proposed by Gov. Wolf, the tax increase would be slightly under 2%. Using ½ the amount of Gov. Wolf budget plan the tax increase would be 2.37%. Using a conservative (State funds the same amount as 2014/15) the tax increase would be 2.85%. The committee agreed to use conservative approach (same state revenue allocation as 2014/15), due to the uncertainly of the legislative debates.
- The budget amount will continually be adjusted as we go through the budget process, before the final budget is presented at the May Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Dehnert