



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Finance Committee

Minutes

August 24, 2017

The Board of Education held a Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2017, at 4:15 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room, 2921 Illinois Road, Wilmette, Illinois.

The following members were present:

Louise Dechovitz, Vice President
Jamie Taylor
Joel Raynes, Chairman

**Name of Presiding
Chairman**

(Reporting): **Joel Raynes, Chairman**

Also Present:

Beth Dever, Chief School Business Official
Dr. Kevin Jauch, Superintendent/Secretary of the Board

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Topic 1: Buildings and Grounds Update

Chief School Business Official, Beth Dever, informed the Finance Committee of the current status of maintenance and repairs to the Avoca School District buildings and grounds. At Avoca Center, maintenance will be performed on the boilers next month. At Avoca West and Marie Murphy, there was maintenance completed in the parking lots and tree trimming done around the property. At Marie Murphy, the boiler will be serviced for an issue with the boiler head. There are also issues with the trucks.

Ms. Dever also informed the committee that due to state mandate, they tested water for lead in all water fountains and the sinks in the kindergarten rooms.

Topic 2: School Fees

Ms. Dever indicated that parents will need to pay a processing fee for using a credit card when adding money to lunch accounts. This is new, as the District has paid those fees in the past.

Topic 3: Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

Ms. Dever updated the committee on the tentative budget for fiscal year 2018. The projected deficit which includes life safety and facilities projects is (\$2,282,401). The reserve level projected for the end of the 2017-2018 fiscal year will be at approximately 59% on cash basis. The updated calculations reflect changes to revenues including reduced Personal Property Replacement Tax based on the state estimate and adjustments to the revenue received from the transportation grant after completing the annual transportation report. The expenditures were updated to include current staff salaries with lane transfers and leaves of absences, new hires' salaries and benefits as well as replacing a Marie Murphy custodian and bus driver with a part-time bus driver position. The FTE for Kindergarten was reduced to 2.50 and increased for English Learners to 4.75. Expenditures were also updated to reflect new out placed students' tuition and transportation. Ms. Dever increased the amount of expenditure for repairs and maintenance based on inspections but reduced Avoca Center expenditures by 25% based on updated information from the tenants.

Topic 4: Legislation Update

Avoca received the third quarter of the FY 2017 funding from the state. The district is waiting to see if SB1 will be passed.

Board President, Rick Zelinsky

Secretary, Kevin Jauch, Ed.D.