



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Finance Committee

Minutes

September 28, 2017

The Board of Education held a Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at 5:15 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
Rick Zelinsky, President

**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, the boilers are currently being serviced. At Avoca West, work continues to finish the summer projects. Also, the playground perimeter is in need of replacement or repair. The district is currently seeking bids. At Marie Murphy, boiler heads are being replaced. The Marie Murphy lift is currently not operational. The district is looking at the options of either renting one as needed, which costs around \$500 per week or buying a used lift, which is estimated at about \$8,200.

Ms. Dever shared that the Illinois Department of Public Health approved Avoca's waiver for lead testing. This means the testing completed in 2016 is recognized as meeting the 2017 requirements. Ms. Dever will work on a notification to be shared with the staff and parents.

The contract with the district's night cleaning service company, Koral Cleaning, is up for renewal. Koral is seeking a 5% increase in fees. This is the first increase since 2011. The Finance Committee will be discussing the timing of bidding out this contracted service at a future meeting.

Ms. Dever is currently working with the information provided in the Life Safety and Facilities Plan Update to plan for the next projects to consider at Avoca West and Marie Murphy.

Topic 2: Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Presentation

Ms. Dever prepared a presentation for the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, which provided information about revenue and expenditure assumptions and gave a variety of charts and graphs conveying budget trends and information over the past few years.

Topic 3: 5 Year Financial Projections

Ms. Dever will update the 5 year projections with the final budget numbers. She will include a memo of the assumptions she made and review that at the next week's Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Topic 4: Legislation Update

The State of Illinois passed Senate Bill 1, for education funding. The district is waiting for further information as to what the impact will be for Avoca.

Board President, Rick Zelinsky

Secretary, Kevin Jauch, Ed.D.