



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Finance Committee
Minutes**

June 11, 2018

The Board of Education held a Finance Committee meeting on Monday, June 11 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at Marie Murphy School, Superintendent's Conference Room, 2921 Illinois Road, Wilmette, Illinois.

The following members were present:

**Louise Dechovitz
Sheryl Swibel (9:10 a.m.)
Jamie Taylor**

**Name of Presiding
Chairman
(Reporting):**

Jamie Taylor

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, gave the committee an update regarding the Avoca buildings and grounds. Ms. Dever informed the committee that Avoca Center tenants, One Hope United, have moved out of the building. The district will be completing the lease termination process and potentially returning One Hope's security deposit. Ms. Dever noted that she is obtaining quotes for a security camera for Avoca Center. Also at Avoca Center, a backflow inspection needs to be completed. The Wilmette Police Department has requested to train in the building sometime in August or September.

At Avoca West, Ms. Dever is getting a new quote for the playground parameter. There is also a sink hole in the parking lot that will need to be repaired.

At Marie Murphy, Ms. Dever is getting quotes for gas pump options.

Topic 2: Summer Projects

In preparation for summer projects to begin, custodial staff will be moving furniture and classroom materials for the asbestos abatement, which will begin at the end of June at both schools. Between Avoca West and Marie Murphy, the district will be replacing 10-12 exhaust fans. The fob system is being upgraded in June. Erate is still reviewing our network infrastructure proposal.

On Thursday, June 14th, Ms. Dever and Superintendent, Kevin Jauch, will meet with Carrie Matlock of DLA architects to discuss summer projects, as well as the razing and asbestos abatement at Avoca Center. The Avoca Center Committee will be meeting with the district's legal counsel to discuss the property.

Topic 3: FY 18 YTD

Ms. Dever reviewed the year to date fiscal year 2018 budget. Notably, the district collected more than budgeted for the 2017 tax levy but less than budgeted on the 2016 levy. The state has paid the two quarterly payments owed from last fiscal year and is current with the Evidence Based Funding. Other grants received 2-3 quarterly payments for this fiscal year. Ms. Dever reviewed the status of expenditure accounts as follows: Capital Expenditures, under; Legal and Food, over; Special Education, over; Maintenance and Repair, over; Salary and Benefits are in balance with the exception of a settlement negotiation.

Topic 4: FY 19 Budget

Ms. Dever informed the committee that she is making updates to the FY 2019 budget in the areas of staffing, salaries, technology, property taxes, replacement taxes and grants.

Topic 5: Legislative Update

The committee discussed the most recent updates regarding education funding legislation. A new bipartisan budget bill was passed that decreases the level of permissible end of career salary increases from 6% to 3% for TRS member employees. Any annual increase in total reportable creditable earnings in excess of 3% during the four year period used to calculate the retirement annuity in the last 4 years of employment will cause the school district to incur a penalty in the form of additional contribution payments to TRS. The penalty is a large amount. The collective bargaining agreement with the Avoca Education Association has a re-opener in it to address changes in the previous system.

Board President, Rick Zelinsky

Secretary, Kevin Jauch, Ed.D.