



Financial Review And Reporting Committee Minutes

New Albany Plain Local School District
Administrative Offices
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Financial Review and Reporting Committee
Monday, February 9, 2015 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Our Mission: *To ensure the development of high achieving, ethical, self-directed, and Intellectually curious citizens of the world.*

Members Present: Joseph Armpriester, David Demers, Phil Derrow, April Domine, Becky Jenkins, Laura Kohler, William Neville, Parag Patel, Mark Ryan, Brian Steel,

Members Absent: Molly Cooper and Kevin Stahl

Others Present: Michael Sawyers, Patrick Gallaway, Sarah Hickey, Monica Gerhart, Meera Parthasarathy

- Mark Ryan welcomed the committee members and opened the meeting.
- Minutes: The committee discussed the November 24, 2014 minute. William Neville asked that the minutes reflect his request for the district to research an option of finding sponsorships for bussing services being lost by families within a 2-mile radius. Dr. Domine asked that the last item be clarified to reflect that the current forecast does not reflect reinstating any reductions at this time. This will be worked through in the coming months with discussion around next levy request. The minutes were approved with the noted corrections.
- Financial Report: Ms. Jenkins reviewed December and January's financial reports. She noted the real estate tax collections were significantly under projections but believes this is a timing issue as tax bills were sent out late this year. This will be monitored as tax collections continue into February and March.

Ms. Jenkins also noted that the district is back on plan with income tax sharing from the City of New Albany. The capital outlay variance is due to timing.

Mr. Steel asked if we had touched the contingency fund in construction yet. Ms. Jenkins said we had not but that we would eventually as we are working through the punch out list.

M. Ryan asked about the CDARS investment in DCB. Ms. Jenkins noted that this investment program is a CD program where we deposit funds with the Delaware County Bank (DCB). DCB then distributes funds to FDIC insured banks throughout the US up to the FDIC limit. This is very safe and approved by the Treasurer of State's office. This program allows for a slightly higher interest rate to be earned than the basic Star Ohio investment option (sponsored by the Treasurer of State).

- Detailed Review of five year forecast by expenditure line: Ms. Jenkins and Dr. Domine presented part one of two on a detailed review of the five-year forecast expenditure lines and the key drivers in each. They discussed Other Objects, Capital Outlay, Materials/Supplies and Purchased Services. Part two which includes Salary/Wages and Fringe Benefits will be discussed at the March 9 meeting.
 - Other Objects: Ms. Jenkins told the group that auditor/treasurer fees, those fees charged by the Franklin County Auditor to collect real estate taxes, is 60% of this line and runs about \$700,000. Mr. Demers asked if we could negotiate a different collection rate with the Franklin County Auditor or hire our own third-party company to collect taxes at a lower fee. Ms. Jenkins stated she was 99% sure that neither of those suggestions were options but she would look into it to be sure.
 - Capital Outlay: Mr. Ryan asked if our capital outlay shown in the five-year forecast is included in our expenditure per pupil. Ms. Jenkins noted that they are included. She also noted that when you compare us to other schools in Ohio who have a permanent improvement or bond levy you are not comparing apples to apples as the capital outlay costs paid for out of those levies do not show in their cost per pupil.
 - Materials/Supplies: Mr. Patel asked if he could see the break down materials/supplies. Ms. Jenkins said she would send that detail out to the committee. David Demers asked if we could purchase fuel in advance as a cost savings. Phil Derrow pointed out the risk of "hedging" or betting as a public institution. Mr. Sawyers informed the committee that the district does purchase fuel for the entire year but no longer than that.
 - Purchased Services: Dr. Domine suggested that Ms. Jenkins add to the power point the risk of the College Credit Plus implementation which is mandated but not funded.
- Reductions Plan Update: Dr. Domine updated the committee on the reductions plan progress to date. Mr. Patel, Mr. Derrow and Mr. Demers asked to see a comparison of our staffing compared to other districts. Mr. Derrow noted that it is important to show that it is a fallacy to say we are operating just fine with the cuts to administrators and teachers. They would like facts at their fingertips to tell people the principal/administrator to student ratios. Community members are focusing on the

number of principals per building but our buildings are 3, 4 or 5 times the size of typical buildings.

- Dr. Domine reviewed the board resolution approved at the January 26, 2015 board meeting. She discussed that the resolution states that any savings not already identified would be added to the bottom line as well as any additional revenue not anticipated in order to get the next levy to a minimum three-year levy cycle. Mr. Ryan asked that the resolution be emailed out to the committee members. Ms. Jenkins verified that she would email the resolution.

Mr. Ryan adjourned the meeting at 10:02 am.