



Financial Review And Reporting Committee Minutes

New Albany Plain Local School District
2-8 Building – Community Room
177 N High Street
New Albany, OH 43054

Financial Review and Reporting Committee Monday, October 19, 2015

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

Members Present: Becky Jenkins, April Domine, Joe Armpriester, Mark Ryan, Molly Cooper, Dave Demers, Phil Derrow, William Neville, Parag Patel, Kevin Stahl, Brian Steel, Laura Kohler

Members Absent: Charlie Osborne and Brian Steel

Others Present: Jill Hatten, Patrick Gallaway and Monica Gerhart

- Mark Ryan welcomed the committee members and opened the meeting at 8:36 am.
- Minutes: The minutes from the September 21, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Financial Report: Ms. Jenkins reviewed the September financial report. The district is on plan as expected.
- Bond Refunding Opportunity: Ms. Jenkins updated the committee on the current bond refunding opportunity she has been monitoring. She explained that the board approved a bond refunding policy previously which outlines the variables that must be met prior to considering any refunding. This current refunding meets or exceeds all of the requirements. The projected savings is 11% or \$974,000 over the remaining years. The anticipated sale date is November 19, 2015. Ms. Jenkins is in the process of completing the official statement that will be used in the rating presentations and distributed to potential investors. She anticipates keeping the current rating level without an upgrade as the district is considered to have a higher debt ratio.

Mr. Ryan's summation is that the district will have reduced interest payments over the remaining life of this specific debt. It is not a check being written to the district and is overall good news.

- Forecast Assumptions:

Ms. Jenkins explained that the district is required to submit an annual five-year forecast of the general fund to the Ohio Department of Education by October 31 each year. Ms. Jenkins reviewed the major assumptions used to prepare the forecast and noted that the assumptions for this October forecast have not changed since the May 2015 forecast.

Dr. Domine explained the personnel assumptions. She explained that the cost of the FY15 new hires were offset by replacing those existing staff leaving the district at lower salary levels.

Dr. Domine also explained that her plan to add 13 new certified staff in FY16 and 12 new certified staff in FY17 continued to be in the forecast. Mr. Ryan asked Dr. Domine what the district is seeing in student enrollment this year compared to previous years. Dr. Domine explained that we did not see the increase in enrollment this year. She informed the committee that the district is in the process of having the enrollment projection report updated.

Mr. Derrow asked if Dr. Domine knew the reason behind the stall in growth. Dr. Domine said we did not know and that the state system of tracking students did not capture the reason for student withdrawals.

Laura asked for each member's reflection. The feedback was very similar to the Board's discussions over time. It is an improved financial outlook, restorations should be sustainable, live with the current state, put educational things first, friction about transportation and PtP has died down, but not gone away and it may never. Comment was made that people tend to speak to their own interest first, but that educational needs remain first above those individual needs. The base assumptions were not challenged, but there is a concern about starving PI type spending and its long term impact.

Mr. Ryan asked Ms. Jenkins to explain the capital maintenance plan and associated levy millage needed should the Board choose to place a permanent improvement levy on the ballot at some point in the future. Ms. Jenkins reminded the committee that the capital maintenance plan identified approximately \$1.9 million in repairs/maintenance each year for the next ten years. A two mill levy would collect just under that amount each year. Currently the district has a portion of this amount budgeted in the general fund which is reflected in the five-year forecast. However, this amount is not enough to fund the capital maintenance plan.

Ms. Kohler thanked the group for their input and said the board has much to consider moving forward.

- Quality Profile:
Dr. Domine completed a brief overview of the Quality Profile that would be released.

Adjourn:

Mr. Ryan thanked all those in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 10:03 am.