Finance Committee Meeting

September 10, 2019, 2019, 6:00-7:00 PM Carlynton Junior-Senior High School Cougar Collaboration Center

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The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Vice President Joe Appel. Treasurer Marissa Mendoza, and Directors Jude Frank, David Roussos, and Christine Simcic were present. Solicitor Bill Andrews, Acting Superintendent Joseph Dimperio, and Director of Finance and Fiscal Affairs Chris Juzwick were also present as well as seven parents/residents in the audience.

Vice President Appel called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Juzwick offered praise for payroll secretary Renee Sayles for a smooth roll out of the new AESOP, or absence management program.

Mr. Juzwick provided a most recent copy of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the 2018-2019 school year. He said the numbers are on course despite a few variances for unexpected costs this past year for sink holes and broken pipes. The state audit, prepared by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel, and Wood LLP, should wrap up in October and will then be presented to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). A review of the audit will be presented in the winter although Mr. Juzwick said he should have the final numbers in a few weeks.

Vice President Appel extended the opportunity to speak to audience members. Parent Melissa Wiater expressed concern over the bus stop location for her son and the fact that buses are running late, which causes worry. She asked the district to come up with a plan to notify parents when buses are late. Parent Nicole MacMurdo asked if bus routes will be re-posted and Mr. Juzwick said they will once all the kinks are worked out. Parents Christy and Michael Constantine expressed annoyance over the amount of time it took to get through to someone in transportation during the first week of school. Mr. Juzwick said the phone lines were jammed and his office made every attempt to return calls as quickly as possible.

Dr. Dimperio said the problems in the first year of a new program to route buses will only help to improve routing in the future as all the bugs are worked out, adding that the system wrought a substantial savings to the district.

Some back-and-forth discussion took place between board members and the audience about how to better address the issues of bussing, with parents asking for more communication and notifications when issues do arise.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm with the board moving into executive session.