

Finance Committee Meeting
February 21, 2017
Carlynton Junior-Senior High School Library - 7:00-7:30 pm

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Superintendent Dr. Gary Peiffer. Board President Jim Schriver, Vice President Joe Appel, Treasurer Marissa Mendoza and Directors Monica Dugan, George Honchar, Nyra Schell and Kelly Zaletski were present for the meeting as well as Business Manager Kirby Christy, Network Manager Brian Durica and Solicitor Bill Andrews.

Technology Budget - Dr. Peiffer began the meeting by focusing on the technology budget prepared by Brian Durica. (Budget attached, Appendix A) Board members reviewed the itemized list and presented a few questions to Mr. Durica. Mr. Durica said the 110 Chrome books and four servers listed on the budget can be purchased with monies remaining in the current school year budget. Mr. Honchar asked if the heat situation in the server room is under control. Mr. Durica said a second cooling unit was brought in and is helping.

Charter School Payments since 2011-2012 – Dr. Peiffer provided the costs paid to brick and mortar and online charter schools over the past five years. The cost has more than doubled, from \$513,177 in 2011-2012 to \$960,516 in 2016-2017. Mr. Christy said the state uses a formula to determine the cost a district pays; when pension costs rise, the cost to the district also increases.

President Schriver asked if the district has considered creating its own charter school or offering an online curriculum. Dr. Peiffer said it has been discussed. Director Appel suggested partnering with another school district in this effort.

Delinquent tax collections – Dr. Peiffer said collections this year total \$440,701 thanks to the efforts of Andrews and Price

Exceptions – Mr. Christy said he will be submitting the form to the state. The exception will generate \$170,652 in additional monies.

Health rate – The consortium has announced a rate increase of 1.9 percent for health insurance for 2017-2018. Fortunately, this falls below the budgeted amount of three percent.

Budget update – Dr. Peiffer said he is still waiting on notification from the state in regards to Basic Education Funding.

In closing, Director Mendoza mentioned that the district website provides links to the minutes of Financial Committee Meetings as well as contracts of district employees so the public can continue to be informed of budgetary matters.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.