

Finance Committee Meeting

March 19, 2018, 6:30 PM

Carlynton Junior-Senior High School Cafeteria

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The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Superintendent Gary Peiffer. Board President Jim Schriver, Treasurer Marissa Mendoza, and Directors George Honchar, LeeAnne O'Brien, Christine Simcic, and Kelly Zaletski were present for the meeting as well as Director of Fiscal Affairs and Budget Chris Juzwick, Maintenance and Facilities Director Dennis McDade, and Solicitor Bill Andrews.

Ms. Jamie Doyle from PFM Financial Advisors presented a financial analysis with options for the district to secure competitive financing to support an Energy Savings Project. PFM provides independent financial advisory services primarily in the educational arena.

Ms. Doyle provided a handout (Attachment 1) to all board members that outlined opportunities for financing services by evaluating and implementing a variety of options. She said the evaluation is conducted after the total project cost range is established followed by a reimbursement resolution which includes expenses for any feasibility studies, architect, and legal fees. Ms. Doyle explained the borrowing and federal tax laws and provided a sample timeline for the borrowing process.

The presentation included a list of un-grandfathered millage strategies.

Ms. Doyle provided a market update or the municipal market yield curve published daily by Municipal Market Data. She said interest rates for long-term borrowing are currently low and competitive. Within the handout, a spreadsheet offered four options or scenarios for borrowing for the energy savings project.

Some discussion centered on the options with President Schriver asking for some guidelines in terms of timing to prepare for the borrowing aspect of the project. Mr. Schriver said he is uncomfortable with the size or cost of the projected project. He would prefer the project to be operational neutral and asked Dennis McDade to fine tune the numbers. Chris Juzwick said the financial cost on an economy scale is better when more items can be added to the project upfront.

The board then elected to add a motion to the agenda to direct Ms. Doyle to begin the proposal process for an amount not to exceed \$5 million at a 24-year term. The option to phase in the roof would be considered.

In order to make a final determination, the board decided to hold (and advertise) a voting meeting for special purposes on April 9, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.