

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 11, 2014
Board Room, Administration Building

MINUTES

PRESENT: **Committee:** **Mr. A. J. Baker, Mr. Robert Sack, Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mr. James Lanzalotto, (by phone)**

Board: **Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mrs. Barbara Harvey,**

Administration: **Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin**

Press: 0

Audience: 4

Call to Order:

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 6:43PM and Mr. DeNucci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Baker asked if there were any additions to the Agenda.

Mr. Driscoll explained that there is an addition under Donations for motion to accept \$5,766.67 from Russell PTO for Smart Board.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baker asked that the minutes be approved as presented.

With no discussion the minutes were approved.

3. Bills for Payment:

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval.

- a. Motion: To take to the full Board for approval the General Fund and Capital Reserve bills.

Mr. Driscoll explained that if anyone had any questions please let him know. There is one thing that was over spent was the legal fund. This should not happen next year, but will come to the Board with a budget transfer for this. Legal budget under 4 categories, actually 5 now. General, Real Estate, Special Education, Capital, Human Resources. Budget \$400,000 in those categories. May have to transfer these funds around depending on what happens in those areas.

Will take to the full Board for approval.

4. Financial Reports:

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval.

- a. Motion: To approve Financial Reports for January 2014.
Informational for February 2014. Treasurer's report for
January 2014, Budget Transfers.

Mr. Driscoll explained that this ties into Budget. We are projected to have a positive variance on the revenue side, not sure on the expense side yet. Looking at maybe a 1% variance, maybe \$700,000. This is not an exact figure, but will be close.

Will take to the full Board for approval.

5. Donations

Mr. Baker asked to take to the full Board for approval

- a. Motion: To accept a telescope to the Marple Newtown High School
Astronomical Society by Dr. Richard Fruncillo.

Mr. Driscoll explained that this is a father of one of students, not sure of the exact amount. If on e-bays value is at around \$4,900.00.

Will take to the full Board for approval.

- b. Motion: To accept a donation from the Russell PTO in the amount of
\$5,766.67 for a Smart Board.

Will take to the full Board for approval.

6. 2014-2015 Delaware County Intermediate Unit General Budget

- a. Motion: To approve the Resolution regarding the 2014-2015 Delaware
County Intermediate Unit budge in the amount of \$8,015,245.00.

7. 2014-2015 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Special Education Agreements

- a. Motion: To approve the Resolution regarding the 2014-2015 Special Education Agreement in the amount of \$716,900.00

Mr. Driscoll explained these are services in detail for each student.

8. 2014-2015 Delaware County Intermediate Unit Vocational-Technical Budget

- a. Motion: To approve the Resolution regarding the 2014-2015 Delaware County Technical Schools Budget in the amount of \$11,952,008.00

Mr. Driscoll explained that we pay for what it used by the number of students that attend the Tech schools. Dr. Horowitz explained that we have about 40 students who participate in these services. Mr. Driscoll believes that we may have 50 students this year.

Mr. Driscoll explained that these 3 motions come up every year. Our share is \$71,000.00 core share. It may change by a few hundred dollars, but usually remains the same. The State requires that the School Boards approve these budgets. Every school Board has a member on the Board of the IU.

Mr. Driscoll can have the Executive Director to come in at the Regular Board meeting to explain these budgets.

Question from the Board, do all School Districts pay the same amount. Mr. Driscoll replied, no they don't, Ridley pays \$59,000.00, Radnor a little higher than ours. How calculated is done by the State. It is a direct withdrawal from our subsidy from the State.

Dr. Horowitz will asked Dr. O'Shea and a few of his staff to come in at the end of March to explain these budgets.

9. 2014-2015 Budget Update

Mr. Driscoll gave a brief presentation on the update of the 2014-2015 Budget.

- The next step in the process ~ Time lines are complete.
- Full presentation in April.
- Have the building budgets now.
- New figures on Health Care.
- Have updated revenue figures.
- Final Budget in May or June depending on the State budget.
- Special Ed figures are correct.
- Retirement exception has been approved.

- Assessment value looked at 3 times, July and a November update. The November update is what is used.
- Marple Township developments are mature.
- Raven Cliff has appealed assessment.
- Both townships have grown.
- Spoke briefly about the different developments in each township but do not have firm figures to be able to add them to the present budget.
- Transfer and interim tax bills are picking up.
- State revenue, have no knowledge of anything changing there.
- Federal revenue will help in the Medical Access funds, trying to have a figure that will be a true figure each year.
- Delinquent taxes can peak and valley, will keep the same.
- Expenditures are what we are rebuilding now.
- Medical benefits 6.8% increase, new rates are now 1.2%.
- Text books will need a little more money to fund everything.
- Salary from last year's budget did not include new positions that took place after the budget past last year.
- We do have a few retirements this year.
- Whatever taxation needed will be finalized in April.
- Proposed final budget will reflect new figures.

Dr. Horowitz will have better figures for staffing within the next 3 to 4 weeks. Also, she explained that the building Principals are extremely involved in the Budget. They report supplies, equipment, etc. They also have a voice if there were monies available to bring back some of the programs that have been cut. Right now still looking at enrollment.

10. New Business

None

11. Public Comment

None

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM