

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Aug. 23, 2016
7:40 pm – 8:55 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 20 Staff: 9 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for individual student matter and approval of closed session minutes of 7/19/16 and 8/3/16.

President Ebner called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Presentation:

A. Recap of Budget Year 2015-16 - Chris Whelton, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, reviewed the June financials, which are 100% of the fiscal year. This was also presented at the Finance & Operation Committee meeting on 7/18/16.

Revenue:

- June 2016 YTD revenue grew 5.2% over 2015 and was 103.7% of the budget. The two factors contributing to this was the additional quarterly payment from the State Board of Education (only 3 were budgeted and 4 were received) and the June property tax collection. The property tax collection was almost \$2.7 million above the budgeted amount and 4.2% increase above last year. Almost 50.5% of property taxes were collected for the June payment. (Half of our property taxes are due June 1st, the other half are due Sept. 1st.)

Expenditures:

- Total operating expenditures increased by 1.2% over last year. They were budgeted to increase over 3%.
- Salaries paid were over \$71 million compared to about \$69.5 million last year. This is a 2.2% increase. 2.7% increase was budgeted.
- Benefits in operating funds were 7.4% higher than last year. Benefits were budgeted to increase by 8.2%.
- An increase in supplies was due to purchase of Chromebooks.

Fund Balances:

- Fund balances increased to 45.8% of expenditures compared to 41.2% last year.

B. Tentative Budget FY17 Presentation: Chris Whelton, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, continued with this presentation.

Tentative Revenues: \$114,847,620

Tentative Expenditures: \$114,654,438

This would result in a net “income” of about \$193,182 and the fund balances for the operating funds (education, operations & maintenance, IMRF & FICA, working cash) to be 44.92%.

Reserves are higher because state finances are so uncertain. There is concern about potential pension cost shifts, a redistribution of General State Aid and Categorical funding to create equity in funding for school districts. There is also concern about the state passing a property tax freeze.

This would have a compounding negative impact on local funding for D205.

This tentative budget includes 20.3 FTE (full time equivalent) certified staff, 2.4 less Special Education Assistants, 1 new School Administrator (Asst Principal for Hawthorne and Lincoln) and 1 less Central Office Director/Coordinator.

Mr. Collins asked about Capital Projects. Mr. Whelton replied that the budget contains about \$1.3 million in revenue from TIF surpluses from the City. Collins continued asking what, if any, projects were being delayed due to lack of funds. Whelton answered certainly Lincoln maintenance and at Churchville and Conrad Fischer, D205 hopes to use funds generated from TIF 4. Mr. McDonough asked if anyone has asked the City about when D205 will receive these surplus funds. Dr. Moyer answered that the City is not working on the same timeline that D205 is. Mr. McDonough also asked if there has been any money transferred from TIF 4 to TIF 5. Moyer replied that the last time he asked, he was told there was no surplus in TIF 4, so nothing could be transferred. Moyer will be meeting with the City tomorrow (Wednesday, 8/24) and will ask the question.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of 7/19/16 and 8/9/16.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Stipend Task Force Proposal – to add:
 - Freshman Boys B level soccer coach
 - Assistant Football coach
 - Restoration of full stipends to current assistant football coaches
 - Assistant cheerleading coach, one season
 - The above will cost \$14,349. Elimination of some stipend positions saved the District \$70,704, so with these additions, D205 still realizes a \$56,355 savings.
- Posting of FY17 Tentative Budget

Superintendent's Action Item Agenda: The Board approved:

- Parameter resolution to refund \$21 million - The 2007B series bonds can be refunded on Oct 1st at the earliest. An accelerated repayment schedule will generate over \$2.3 million in savings over the next 5 years for the D205 taxpayers.
- Wight and Co. Phase 1 proposal for Facility Master Planning – For Focus205 work related to long-term facility master planning at hourly rates, total cost not to exceed \$20,000. Mr. Collins had concerns that the hourly rates were not included in the contract. A representative from Wight stated that the proposed work will be completed whether Wight exceeds the \$20,000 or not.
- Donation for Sandburg – From the PTA, \$1,000 to replenish the positive behavioral school store items.
- Donation for Emerson – PTA and 2016 5th grade class – water bottle filling station \$1,099.

Superintendent's Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests: The district received four requests (regarding policy, class placement, specific bills, procedures), all which were granted.

B. D205 Identity Video: A video made about the District featuring students and staff of D205 was shown. This video will be available on the D205 website, and will be shown on curriculum nights.

Board Communications: Mr. Collins spoke about York High School being rated 186th best in the nation by *Newsweek*.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Sept. 13th and Sept. 27th at 7:30 pm. All committee meetings as well as the regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at the D205 Center:

- Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016, 6:30 pm - Performance Management Committee
- Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016, 6:00 pm – Special Board of Education Meeting

The Board moved to return to closed session to deal with an individual student matter and approve closed session minutes. No action was taken.