

**FINANCE LONG RANGE BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 17, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: Committee Chair Michael Hartline, members Steve Adams, David Shafter, Dr. Andrew Pollock was absent.

BOARD MEMBERS: Charles Kleinschmidt arrived at 7:15 p.m.

STAFF: Christopher M. Berdnik, Dr. Joyce Mundy, Dr. Jennifer Polinchock

PUBLIC:

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hartline called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by asking the members of the Board, staff, and public to introduce themselves.

MINUTES

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2014, Mr. Shafter seconded. **Motion carried 3-0-0.**

ACCOUNTING, BENEFITS AND PAYROLL

a. 2014 renewals

Mr. Berdnik reviewed the health and welfare benefit rates increases/decreases for 2014-2015 school year. Health care 7.95% increase (blended); dental .17% increase; pharmacy 12.63% increase; vision 33% decrease; and RAM reimbursement plan 29.1% decrease.

Mr. Adams inquired as to the savings the District had realized since signing with DVHIT. Mr. Berdnik estimated \$450,000 range since 2011 implementation.

Mr. Adams made a motion to move to the full Board, Mr. Shafter seconded. **Motion carried 3-0-0.**

b. BCIU #22 Early Intervention

Mr. Berdnik explained that these funds are federal funds and must be used in accordance with IDEA Section 619 guidelines and allowable expenses. Centennial will use the funds for K-5 Early Intervention expenses through services provided by the Bucks County Intermediate Unit.

Mr. Adams made a motion to move to the full Board, Mr. Shafter seconded. **Motion carried 3-0-0.**

c. Summer Camp 2014

Mr. Berdnik explained that a grant in the amount of \$44,400.00 had been awarded to the Centennial School District by the Centennial Education Foundation. These funds would be used to support a Summer Enrichment Camp for students entering grades 4 through 9 in September 2014. The Summer Enrichment Camp would run from July 7, 2014 through August 11, 2014 and include week-long sessions, Monday through Thursday.

The final Summer Enrichment Camp brochure will be presented to the Education Committee March 24, 2014 for action at the April 8, 2014 School Board meeting.

Mr. Adams thank the Centennial Education Foundation for their support and the contribution they made.

Mr. Adams made a motion to move to the Education Committee, Mr. Shafter seconded. **Motion carried 3-0-0.**

d. Upper Southampton Township Deputy Tax Collector

Mr. Adams made a motion to move to the full Board, Mr. Shafter seconded. **Motion carried 3-0-0.**

REALITY BASED BUDGETING

d. Review of Analytical Statements and Updated Projections

Mr. Berdnik reviewed the analytical statements for the funds of the District and projections.

c. Summary of Working Budget File

Mr. Berdnik explained that revenues as a whole and expenditures are both running slightly behind budget. Collections of delinquent self-assessed taxes lag the year to date projection, along with the dragging down an otherwise fairly tight year to date performance. Current year earned income taxes have slowed down – this is an area of the budget where we continue to worry about some Act 32 catch-up timing difference.

State revenues are generally on track, until there is movement in the State's waiting list, we will continue to receive only roughly half of what is due.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Berdnik stated that he would tighten up the projections for the next Finance Committee meeting. At that meeting some of the tough decisions will have to be considered for the 2014-2015 school year.

b. Lead Teacher Proposal

Dr. Mundy asked that this item be pulled from the agenda.

a. Autistic Classroom Proposal

Mr. Berdnik explained that the proposal outlined the need for an additional Autistic Support at William Tennent High School beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, as well as the scope of the program.

The program would provide: a more complete continuum of Autistic Support services from K-12 that meets both the academic and functional needs of many students who benefit from Autistic Support; an in-district whose placement for a number of students whose IEPs address social skills, communication, and behavior, and who have the need to learn functional academic skills.

The Autistic Support teacher would directly report to the William Tennent High School principal.

Mr. Hartline asked that a motion be made to move to the Education Committee.

Mr. Shafter made a motion to move to the Education Committee, Mr. Adams seconded.

Motion carried 3-0-0.

READ AT HOME

- a. Affordable Care Act
 - 6ai. Sample Bronze Level Plan
 - 6aai. Cadillac Tax
- b. Capital Reserve Fund Plan of Finance
- c. Demand Reduction
- d. Governor's Proposed Budget
- e. MBIT Proposed Budget
- f. Workers Compensation Experience Modifier

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Adams made a motion to adjournment the Finance meeting, Mr. Shafter seconded. **Motion carried 3-0-0.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher M. Berdnik
Business Administrator