

Trinity Area School District Finance Committee

February 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

1. Call To Order – Meeting was called to order by Mrs. McIlvaine at 5:02PM
2. Introduction of New TASD Business Manager Mr. Matt Howard. Mr. Howard is looking forward to working with the board and administration to improve the TASD's financial condition.
3. Special Education Presentation - Mrs. Karen Williams and Mrs. Mary Lou Conroy. Karen and Mary Lou discussed the budgetary process and the issues with meeting the needs of severely handicapped students, specifically, deaf and blind students. The discussion included the number of hearing impaired students in the district. Karen discussed the overall budgetary process and the development of the special education budget for 2017-2018. Mary Lou spoke on FM systems and adaptive devices. Mrs. Morgan explained that her employer leases or receives devices from IU 1. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Conroy will explore all options. Both directors stressed case supervision and fiscal responsibility.
4. Alisha Reesh, Janney Financial – Alisha presented a proposal for Construction Bonds for Trinity South. This is necessary for repair of the pyrite structural issues at South Elementary. The wrap-around would provide \$5,000,000 for renovation and repair to the building. There would be no reimbursement from Plan Con (PDE). This bond issues would be included with existing bond debt and the impact to the district would result in affording the district to begin an ongoing process to alleviate South's existing and potential future issues. The problem will remain as the pyrite will continue to disrupt the foundation and infrastructure. Mr. Durkin believes that the most cost effective method to address South's situation is ongoing repair which will result in the District's use of the building for its entire useful life. Dr. Lucas also discussed the baseball field at Trinity South. A portion of potential new bond issue could be utilized to explore adding turf to the baseball infield, if it was economically feasible and the board so desired. A new building was discussed and relocation was discussed. Estimates for a new building are a minimum of \$16,000,000.00,

plus infrastructure. Overall a very spirited discussion about a variety of safety and facilities conditions ensued.

5. Tom Durkin, VEBH – Tom discussed the QZAB plans concerning all secure vestibules and the restroom renovation at TMS. Mr. Durkin also presented a photos rendering and a breakdown of the costs to renovate “The Pit”, the lower parking lot at THS, costs estimate and \$348,000.00. Dr. Lucas stated the funding was included in the 2017-2018 preliminary GFB.
6. Matt Howard will explore our issues and prioritize the needs of the District as he “gets up to speed”.
7. Mr. Jack Minnick, District Staffing Logistics – Jack presented retirements and the amount of savings based on replacement and elimination of positions through attrition.
8. State of the District and Future Direction – Dr. Lucas presented a power point detailing that the District continues to do more with less. Recommendations for budgetary cuts and staffing issues were addressed. Please see attached file. Mr. Snoke discussed the preliminary budget cuts and GFB adjustments.
9. Public Comment - None
10. Adjournment – 6:45 PM
11. Executive Session to Follow

Attending: Kerrin McIlvaine, Jennifer Morgan, Ben Trapuzzano, Tom Durbin, Sean Dobich, Frank Golsky, Greg Rudman, Penny Caleffe, Tom Durbin and Frances Eates. Dr. Lucas, Mr. Snoke, Mr. Howard, Mr. Scott, Mr. Minnick and the aforementioned presenters.