

BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Boyertown, Pennsylvania
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Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Hartford, Finance Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm in the Education Center Board Room.

Members attending: Dr. Christman, Mrs. Dierolf, Mr. Elsier, Mrs. Hartford, Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Semmens, Mrs. Usavage
Administration: Dr. Faidley, Mr. Scoboria, Mr. Szablowski,

Members of the Public: 5

Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and observed a moment of silence

No Public Comment.

The minutes from the committee meeting of 11/6/13 were moved by Mrs. Semmens, second by Mr. Elsier. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Szablowski shared the executive summary from the recently published report from the PA Independent Fiscal Office on the 5 year projections for the Pennsylvania Budget. The full report can be viewed at www.IFO.PA.State.US.

Mr. Szablowski shared a presentation introducing the start of the 2014-2015 Budget process. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes. The overall budget factors impacting next year's budget were reviewed, citing budget difficulties in Washington, D.C. and Harrisburg as well as the economic issues that continue to impact the District. The single factor impacting this year's budget will be again the steep increase in the PSERS retirement contribution rate that is projected to increase to over 21%. Mr. Szablowski announced the Act 1 Index for the 2014-2015 fiscal year at 2.1%, but the adjusted Index for Boyertown is 2.576% and equates to approximately .59 mills. Mr. Szablowski reviewed the revenue projections as of November 1st and highlighted several expenditure issues the Committee should be aware will impact the budget. Mr. Szablowski reviewed the future Finance/Budget meetings through the scheduled preliminary budget adoption at the February 11, 2014 School Board meeting.

Mr. Szablowski asked for discussion about publishing a bus transportation RFP, which was discussed during the early fall Finance Committee meetings. There was much discussion regarding this topic and the pros and cons of an RFP process versus negotiating with the District's current carrier. A majority of the Committee supported the request for proposals to get a competitive price for the transportation services. The approval to issue an RFP was proposed to appear on the December 10 Board agenda.

Public Comment Period #2

Chris Neiman commented on the decision to issue an RFP for bus services and pointed out the long relationship and community support provided by Quigley Transportation.

Linda Curry commented on the transportation RFP and asked questions about regular transportation versus special education transportation and asked if special education runs would be included in the RFP.

Mrs. Hartford made the following announcements:

December 3, 2013	School Board Reorganization, Education Center	7:00 p.m.
December 5, 2013	Board Member Audit Information, education Center	1:30 p.m.
December 10, 2013	Personnel Committee, New Hanover-Upper Frederick	6:00 p.m.
December 10, 2013	School Board Meeting, New Hanover-Upper Frederick	7:00 p.m.
December 17, 2013	Finance Committee, Education Center	6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Semmens moved for adjournment, second by Mr. Nichols. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.