

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 5, 2013  
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hartford, Committee Chair, at 6:30 pm in the Education Center Board Room.

Member Attendance: Mrs. Hartford, Dr. Christman (7:25), Mr. Crossley, Mr. Elsier (7:15), Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Semmens, Mrs. Usavage  
Administration: Mr. Scoboria, Mr. Szablowski, Mr. Katch, Mr. Missimer, Mr. Grenewald

Public: 5

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

There was no public comment.

The minutes from the 1/29 committee meeting were reviewed by the Committee.

Mr. Scoboria reviewed the budget meetings scheduled over the last few months and stated that tonight's meeting would pull all the budget information together and be presented by Mr. Szablowski before the 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget is presented for School Board next week.

Mr. Szablowski reviewed the 2013-2014 preliminary budget summarizing many of the issues discussed during the previous budget meeting. A copy of the presentation is included with these minutes. Mr. Szablowski reviewed the projected revenues assuming no tax increases which showed a slight increase. State revenues were discussed and projected as increased due to the retirement subsidy due from the State that is directly related to the large increase in school district contributions for the mandated PSERS retirement. The projected expenditures were reviewed with salary and wage increases projected at 3% and benefit costs increasing due to health care and retirement. The other "controllable" expenditures were discussed and with the exception of the 500 accounts that include a 3% increase in transportation costs and continued tuition increases to both special schools and cyber charter schools, most of the expenditure levels were reduced from the previous year. The use of the committed fund balance for the retirement liability was discussed. The budgetary reserve numbers were reduced sharply as the District leaves the accumulation stage of preparing for the retirement contributions, moving into the use of funds.

Mr. Szablowski reviewed the PA State Budget, which was introduced by the Governor earlier in the day. There were a few positive surprises included in the budget proposal, including an increase in the K-12 Basic Ed Subsidy and the continuation of the Accountability Block Grant, which was projected to be eliminated. There was also a proposed plan to slow the funding of the PSERS liability, which would have a direct impact on the preliminary budget projections. Mr. Szablowski planned to incorporate some of the proposed budget initiatives into the preliminary budget presentation for next week. Mr. Szablowski reviewed the need for Act 1 budget exceptions.

Mr. Szablowski reviewed the January 12-13 Budget comparison and summarized that the year is progressing as projected and very comparable to last year's results.

The self-funded health insurance program was reviewed and with the start of the year meaning employee deductible amounts were in effect, the results in January were very positive.

Mr. Nichols suggested the Board adopt a resolution requesting the State to tax gas extraction.

The following meetings were announced:

Future Budget Meetings:

3/5/13 Finance Committee Ed Center 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

2/12/13 Prelim Budget Adoption Ed Center 7:00 p.m.

No Public Comment.

Mrs. Usavage made a motion for adjournment at 8:22 pm.