

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MAY 21, 2013
MINUTES**

Mrs. Hartford called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Education Center Board Room.

Members in attendance: Mrs. Hartford, Dr. Christman, Mrs. Dierolf (left at 7:30), Mr. Elsler, Mrs. Semmens, Mrs. Usavage

Administration: Mr. Scoboria, Mr. Szablowski

Public: 4

Everyone participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence

There was no public comment.

The meeting minutes of the May 7, 2013 Finance Committee meeting were approved.

This being the last scheduled committee meeting before the consideration of the 2013-2014 fiscal budgets, Mr. Szablowski reviewed both the Food Service budget and the General Fund budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

The Food Service Budget was distributed and reviewed with the help of Mrs. Rhoads, Food Service Director. Several questions were addressed. The Committee supported the budget and recommended that it be placed on the June 4, 2013 Board agenda.

Mr. Szablowski presented the final version of the 2013-2014 General Fund Budget, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The Committee recommended the agenda be placed on the June 4th meeting agenda for board adoption.

Mr. Szablowski reviewed the updated three-year budget projection, which projects the budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year through the 2016-17 fiscal year. Several areas of concern were addressed including variables such as the economy, State Funding and Mandates, PSERS pension contributions, School Real Estate Tax elimination, and future contract negotiations with the BAEA and Quigley Bus Services. The budget projections illustrate the use of the Committed Fund Balance to address the PSERS issue and show an increased use of the funds through 2015-

16 with a lesser amount in 2016-2017 until the fund balance is completely exhausted. This ramping up and then the ramp down of the use of these one-time funds is intended to address the retirement funding issue without creating a long term dependence on utilizing fund balance to balance the budget.

Mrs. Hartford discussed the proposal to bus non-public students utilizing transportation hubs, where students are transported by parents to specific stops along a defined route from the bus depot to the non-public school. This model was utilized by the Solanco School District with success. Mr. Szablowski stated that the District already has several transfer points incorporated into the non-public bus runs and tries to efficiently transport non-public students without having to utilize parent transportation, which Solanco compensates parents for doing.

Mrs. Hartford suggested a possible marketing incentive effort to attract more students to the Boyertown Area School District Cyber School. Using another model from Solanco, the District would advertise a suggested \$1,000 educational grant as a way to attract students from another cyber charter school to the Boyertown cyber charter school. Administration observed that Solanco added their educational grant program after their cyber school option was in existence for several years as a way to continue to add more students. With the BASD Cyber option newly initiated during the 2012-2013 school year, the program may be more rewarding after the program matures in a few more years. There are still many residents who are not aware of the BASD Cyber option and when the education provided proves successful, many residents will take advantage of the program without the incentive. This program will be reviewed sometime in the future.

There was no public comment.

Mrs. Hartford made the following meeting announcements:

May 28, 2013	Curriculum Committee	Boyertown Elementary	5:30 pm
May 28, 2013	Board Meeting	Boyertown Elementary	7:00 pm
June 4, 2013	Board Meeting	Senior High New Aud.	7:00 pm

2013-2014 Final Budget Adoption

Mrs. Hartford announced that the committee would be adjourning from executive session to discuss personnel.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.