

Coffee and Conversations



March 16th, 2022

Discussion Topics

- Welcome and Introductions
- COVID-19
- Educational Programs
- Budget
- Facilities
- School Year Successes
- Questions

COVID-19

- As we enter what we believe is endemic stages of this pandemic we are beginning to roll back our mitigation strategies.
 - Masking on buses
 - Expanded grouping in the classrooms
 - Maintaining Influenza Protocols.
- Will we ever have a “normal” year again?
- American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Plan (ESSER II and III) (ESSER II 559k) We have rec'd \$559k
- ESSER III was approved in the house supplemental appropriation bill 3014

Educational Programs Update

- Math textbook adoption update
- Assessments
- Summer school

Budget

- Enrollment
- Assessed Valuation
- What does this all mean?
- We will become more and more reliant on local efforts as the years go on and this will impact our ability to fund our school district.

Future Budget

- The cost of everything has increased and the need to maintain competitive salaries is crucial to properly staffing our certified and non-certified positions.
- Ways to generate funding
 - Increased Enrollment
 - Increased Assessed Valuation
 - Increase Taxes
- These three options are difficult to project.

Tax Levy Adjustment

School Finance has 4 Pots of Money

1. Operating Fund \$3.3780
2. Teacher Fund (State Formula)
3. Debt Service Fund \$.9085
4. Capital Fund Fund (transfer from OF)

Total Levy - \$4.2865

- How can we use our existing money in a way that better benefits our district?
- Transfer from 3 to 1.
- Allows the district to recoup \$139,028 per .10 cents transferred.
- This would allow the district to maintain current levels of funding.
- This would help to replace the funding lost to the Franklin Co Court Case.
- Potentially run a levy adjustment and a no tax rate increase on the same ballot.

Facilities

- The district has managed the facilities very well. We have a 5 year facilities plan.
- Updated Facilities Plan
- ESSER III will allow us to meet many of our facilities needs.
- HVAC upgrade is out to bid for the middle school.
- Opportunity to make 15-20 year upgrades to our HVAC throughout the district.
- Allows district to install more efficient HVAC systems at minimal relative cost to the district.

Improved Communications

- New Website is live.
- App is being held up by the logjam at Google and Apple we are hoping for this to resolve in the next 14 days.
- This will increase our ability to reach patrons across social media, school website, traditional media, while still using our local sources to tell our story.
- [New Hermann Website](#)

What have We Been Up To?

- Both girls and boys basketball finished as district runners-up. Thank you to our player, coaches, and families.
- *Our Town* - Great production by a great cast.
- FCCLA and JR FCCLA have qualified for state and some have qualified for Nationals in San Diego, CA.
- Blue and White Night raised a record - over \$41k.
- Received over \$625k from Agnes and Harvey Gaertner to fund the Gaertner - Roetheli Scholarship
- Rec'd \$100k from Champions Fund Donor.

Questions