



# GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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## Board of Education Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes Monday, July 19, 2010 12:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Collie Hooper-Yan, William Tuinier, Gregory Goyert, William Eis, Tony Krukowski

### **2009-2010 Budget:**

2009-10 district budget was reviewed. Some uncertainties remain, but the budget may end more favorably than anticipated. Tony is waiting for Wayne County to forward payment for delinquent taxes (approximately \$180,000) that will result in total revenues being about \$75,000 less than budgeted. On the expenditure side, Tony is anticipating \$300,000-\$400,000 less expenditure due to a decrease in healthcare costs over the last 2-3 months of this budget. The result is that the fund balance is likely to end up in the range of \$1.1 million instead of approximately \$950,000.

### **2010-2011 Budget:**

The 2010-2011 district budget was discussed. At this time of the year, of course, many uncertainties remain. On the basis of currently available information, the district is budgeting for an approximately \$400,000 decrease in the fund balance by June 30, 2011. The summer cash flow is proceeding smoothly and Tony reports that the most difficult time period for summer cash flow is behind us. The bond arbitrage balance and payment remain pending; no particular issue.

### **IT Director Replacement:**

Bill Eis reviewed his discussions with the WB district regarding sharing this position. In addition, both districts discussed sharing an operations manager with particular expertise in HVAC systems and controls. These discussions are ongoing and the administration will report to the board with any progress or recommendations.

### **Millage Renewal Campaign:**

A brief discussion of the millage renewal campaign occurred and all in attendance felt optimistic regarding the chances for approval of both measures. No additional actions, aside from those already in place, were recommended. As noted in other communication, Bill Eis decided to not broadcast his interview with GITV that included a brief discussion of the millage renewal campaign to avoid any potential conflict with campaign election laws regarding school districts using public resources to advocate for political initiatives.

### **Future Contract Negotiations:**

The committee shared with Bill Eis some general thoughts and philosophy regarding our current financial status and how that may relate to contract negotiations during the next year.

### **Kiddie Campus:**

The Kiddie Campus issue remains; the school district legal counsel is going to contact the Kiddie Campus legal counsel in an attempt to resolve the issue without resorting to litigation. This problem remains a source of great frustration for the administration.

### **Safe Routes To School:**

The SR2S agreement between the school district, the County, and the Township remains in flux. The administration understands that the BOE supports the initiative but remains steadfast in its commitment to not expend ANY district dollars toward the project. The administration will continue to follow up with the process and report to the board.

**District Representation on Township Communication Commission:**

There was a suggestion by some Township officials that the school district representation on the cable commission (now the Communication Commission) be restricted to only those issues directly impacting the school district. It was the impression of the finance committee that this change probably did not represent the intentions of the original charter when the cable commission was formed and the finance committee recommended to the administration that they indicate to the Township that the BOE felt strongly that permanent representation by the district was most appropriate. The administration will report to the BOE with any updates regarding this issue.

**Crazy Talk:**

All items of interest to board members and administration were discussed as described above

**Adjourned:** 1:16pm

**Next Meeting:** Will be scheduled at time of August work session.

*Respectfully submitted by Gregory Goyert*