

MSAD 11
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Merle E. Peacock, Jr. Board Room
Tuesday, March 17, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Committee Members: Eric Jermyn, Committee Chair, Michael Bechard, Carrie Boudway, Amber Carr, Marc Cone, Kathy Chadwick, Patricia Hopkins, Superintendent, and Andrea Disch, Business Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

DISCUSSION

A. Siemens Performance Contract

Thomas Seekins, Siemens Energy Account Manager reviewed and addressed questions regarding the District's Facilities Improvement Project. An Outline of the Facility Improvement Measures was provided to Committee Members. The Committee also discussed whether to include \$75,000 in the Facilities Improvement Project for removal of the District's oil tanks. The Committee agreed to table its discussion regarding removal of the oil tanks until its next meeting.

B. FY 2016 Adult Education Requested Budget

The Committee was presented the FY 2016 Adult Education Budget and Worksheet. The Requested Budget is approximately \$47,110.04, or 14.12%, less than the current Adult Education Budget. The reduction can be attributed to the re-categorization of approximately \$68,500 in College Transitions from the local Adult Education Budget into a grant account. The FY 2016 Adult Education Budget proposes a 0% overall increase in assessment to municipalities however due to state valuation averages, municipalities may experience a small increase (or decrease) in the Adult Education assessment due to state valuation averages. With the addition of approximately \$900 in state subsidy, the Finance Committee requested each municipality have no additional increase in the Adult Education assessment. Diann Bailey, MSAD 11 Adult Education Director, answered questions regarding the Adult Education Requested Budget and programs.

C. FY 2016 School Nutrition Services Budget

The FY 2016 School Nutrition Services Budget and Revenue were made available to Committee Members. Ms. Disch discussed the School Nutrition Services budget and revenue including the appropriation to the program as included in the District Budget. The FY 2016 School Nutrition Budget will require \$55,500 in additional appropriation from the District Budget due to a decline in revenue. Ms. Disch stated school lunch programs are losing money because of the federally required food options. A U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) survey has found student lunch participation has dropped in 49 states; USDA estimates that the meal standards will require schools to absorb \$1.22 billion in food, labor, and administrative costs in 2015 alone.

The Finance Committee was informed that because of the decline in student lunch participation in MSAD 11 the school nutrition program is not expected to meet its FY 2015 revenue projection. The Business Manager stated that based on current revenues, she anticipates program revenue to fall short by somewhere between \$60,000 to \$90,000.

D. FY 2016 District Budget

The Committee was presented with an updated Requested Budget and worksheet reflecting continued discussions with administrators. The worksheet, as provided, reflects an increase in assessment in the amount of \$894,549; \$156,527 more than the previous worksheet provided. Superintendent Hopkins stated a portion of the increase is for additional Ed Tech support for district students in crisis. The Superintendent stated that based on conversation with the District's Special Education Director, the \$118,856 in proposed additional savings for the Special Education Out of District Tuition Placement needed to be removed. It was also stated that based on conversation with District counsel, the Business Manager added approximately \$14,000 to the budget for measurement and verification of the performance contract.

The Committee was provided an updated ED 279 reflecting an increase of State Subsidy of approximately \$8,000. It was stated the Department of Education updated the Adult Education Basic Count resulting in the additional subsidy.

The Finance Committee will continue the budget discussion at its next meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, March 24th.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Attest a true record,



Patricia Hopkins, Secretary