



MINUTES GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 27, 2016

6:00 PM

CENTRAL SERVICES OFFICES
793 NORTH MAIN STREET
GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

Present: Committee members Kurt Buchholz and Patrick Escalante arrived at 6:02 PM, Board of Education Members Erica Nelson, Stephanie Clark, Drew Ellis, Board Appointee Willie DeFabio, Superintendent Paul Gordon, Assistant Superintendents Cheryl Witham, Karen Carlson and Laurie Campbell, Director of Buildings and Grounds Dave Scarmardo, Director of Technology Mike Wood, Director of Communications Erika Krehbiel, and Recording Secretary Carolyn Gust.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

I. Public Participation

Resident Jeff Cooper commented on the 2016/2017 tentative budget.

II. Review and approval of minutes from June 13, 2016, meeting

The minutes were reviewed and approved and will be posted to the district's website.

III. 2016/2017 Tentative Budget Discussion

Ms. Witham gave an overview of the budget document and informed the Board the final 2016/2017 Budget would be to the Board at an upcoming September meeting. She informed the Board of the changes that were made to the tentative budget since it was last presented to the committee were in the Educational Fund for salaries in the areas of special education, ESL/Dual Language, and support services for language/speech pathology. The Board will vote to approve the 2016/2017 budget at that time. Following the adoption of the 2016-2017 Budget, Ms. Witham would present five-year projections, update the Board on any financial information from the state and utilize the projections to begin work on the 2017/2018 budget.

Ms. Nelson asked for clarification on CPI and where the projections are trending toward. Ms. Witham reported that, at this point in time, CPI is trending closer to 2. She stated she monitors CPI and sometime in the fall, the district will have a better idea of where CPI will be, though it is not a guarantee. Final CPI numbers are not released until mid- to late-January of each year.

Mr. Difabio deferred to a later time for his questions. He will be sworn in at the regular Board of Education meeting later this evening.

Mr. Buchholz expressed frustration in that he felt the budget was not created in collaboration with the full board and feels that the board has had no say in the creation of the budget.

Dr. Gordon responded that administration has brought forward for committee discussion all additional staffing requests. As the staffing portion of the budget is the largest part of the budget, Dr. Gordon is confident that there has been board input during budget development.

Ms. Nelson reminded the committee of the discussions had with regard to district contribution to administrators' TRS payments, discussions held at the committee level as well as a committee of the whole meeting. The board came to a consensus and the decision was made to leave TRS contributions as they are currently. Ms. Nelson reminded the committee of the board discussions surrounding programs such as PBL and believes those discussions were a part of the overall budget discussion.

Ms. Clark thanked Ms. Witham for the detailed presentation. Ms. Clark concurred with Mr. Buchholz's expressed frustration. She feels that the board and administration do not follow through when it's stated in response to a board discussion that the topic will be addressed during the budget cycle. She feels that she has no input with regard to the creation of the budget.

Ms. Clark asked for a breakdown by building of staffing and salaries. Ms. Witham will include this information in the updated budget report in September.

Mr. Escalante inquired as to when the committee will discuss the fund balance reserve. Ms. Witham shared that the administration is looking at a lot of capital projects and the decennial life/safety report which may require use of the fund balance, so the discussion may be better held at a later date.

Mr. Escalante would like to have a policy/administrative procedure conversation regarding the possibility of lowering the fund balance requirement. Ms. Witham shared that this would be a great conversation for a finance task force to discuss and make a recommendation. She pointed out that the district must be cognizant of its credit rating when reducing fund balances.

Mr. Ellis asked if the finance committee should have a discussion regarding the fund balance administrative procedure and then recommend that the full board make a recommendation to the administration.

IV. 2016/2017 Committee Meetings Schedule

This item was not discussed by the committee.

V. Open Items

None at this time.

VI. Upcoming Meetings

Monday, August 1, 2016 at Central Services Office

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM