

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

March 30, 2015

WARREN COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE, SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Paul Mangione, Chairperson  
Ms. Mary Anne Paris  
Mr. Arthur Stewart

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ms. John Anderson	Ms. Ruth Nelson	Mr. John Werner
Mr. Tom Knapp	Mr. Chris Byham	Ms. Melissa McLean
Ms. Amy Stewart	Ms. Ruth Huck	Mr. Brian Collopy
Ms. Donna Zariczny	Mr. Gary Weber	Mr. Rick Gignac
Mr. Matt Jones	Mr. Jim Grosch	Mr. Mike Kiehl
Mr. Paul Leach	Approx. 2 Public	Mr. Josh Cotton (WTO)

### **1. Opening Activities**

#### **1.1 Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:35 p.m. by Mr. Paul Mangione, Chairperson.

#### **1.2 Public Comment**

None

### **2. New Business**

#### **2.1 Gaggle Renewal**

- **Discussion:** One year agreement with Gaggle starting July 1<sup>st</sup> 2015; same service we currently have. Funding will need to be provided through the technology maintenance account. The out of pocket amount to the district will be \$50,235.00.
- **Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the quote from Gaggle.net for the amount of \$50,235 to continue as the district's email services provider and to utilize their Web2.0 technology solutions for a term of one year.
- **Action:** Forward to April Board Meeting.

#### **2.2 Repository Sale I**

- **Discussion:** Normal sale to put a property back on the tax roll.

- **Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Repository Sale of Tax Parcel #CY 333-847700-000 located in Bear Lake Borough per the attached documents.
- **Action:** Forward to April Board Meeting.

**3. Old Business**

None

**4. Informational Items**

**4.1 Financial Reports**

Contact Mr. Jim Grosch if there are any questions or concerns with any of the reports.

**4.2 Budget Discussion**

- The Budget Timeline was presented by Mr. Jim Grosch.
- The Governor's proposed revenue budget was reviewed for Basic Education and Special Education funds as well as cost reductions for Cyber/Charter program.
- Mr. Grosch attended a Budget presentation held by PASBO on March 19<sup>th</sup> and paraphrased some of the comments from the event.  
*They believe the Governor's budget is a very ambitious budget. He talked about the need for a new BEF formula. He wants to help schools meet mandatory cost for special education services, provide the school property tax relief, implement a new cyber charter school tuition rate. How is he going to accomplish that? There are two new tax increases that he is talking about and one new tax. The tax increases will be a state personal income tax increase from 3% to 3.7%. The state sales tax increase will be from 6% to 6.6% plus expand on what's taxable. The new tax is what's called a gas service tax and this tax would be used to fund or help fund basic and special education, vocational programs and extensive expansion of Pre-K programs. All of this being said; it's a total influx, if it goes through, of \$400 million dollars.*

There is a lot of discussion between legislation.

- Two letters were discussed; one from Pedro Rivera, Acting Secretary of Education and the other was from Majority Leader, Dave Reed.
- Referendum exceptions were approved by PDE for special education; \$246,852.00 and retirement; \$488,201.00.
- List of additional cuts to look at and continue to evaluate for further information.
- Between now and the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> the Board should decide if they want a work session on the 20<sup>th</sup> or if they want one on the 27<sup>th</sup>.  
At April regular board meeting board will decide if they will have a discussion on the 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>.

**4.3 Pending SMART Board Purchase**

- Title funding would like to purchase SMART Boards.
- Item will be listed under “Other” for the upcoming April meeting.

**4.4 Budget Transfer/Adjustment**

- This is for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program.
  - The state gave us the 15-16 school year information. We are still waiting for the 14-15 information.
  - The debt breakdown and any other transfers or adjustments will be brought to the April 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**5. Other**

- Administration has been working and looking into the summer lunch program. Last year we served over 9,000 meals to students throughout the district.
- Administration is working with Nutrition on renewing agreement for next school year.

**6. Closing Activities**

**6.1 Next Meeting Date**

Monday, April 27, 2015 Following PACCA

**6.2 Executive Session**

None

**6.3 Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.