

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 25, 2019

WARREN COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE, SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Arthur Stewart, Chairperson

Ms. Elizabeth Huffman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Joseph Colosimo

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jeffrey Labesky

Ms. Marcy Morgan

Ms. Donna Zariczny

Mr. Paul Mangione

Ms. Ruth Huck

Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht

Mr. Matt Jones

Ms. Melissa McLean

Ms. Amy Stewart

Mr. Gary Weber

Mr. Jim Grosch

Mr. Eric Mineweaser

Dr. Patty Hawley

Ms. Sue Turner

Mr. Rick Gignac

Mr. Mike Kiehl

Mr. Jim Evers

Ms. Misty Weber

Mr. Shane Flannery

Mr. Brian Reynolds

Ms. Shelly Wagner

Mr. James Case

Ms. Ericka Alm

Ms. Elizabeth Kent

Ms. Marcia Madigan

Mr. Jeff Flickner

Ms. Amy Stimmell

Ms. Jennifer Hobbs

Ms. Lynn Shultz

Ms. Louise Tharp – WCEA Representative

Mr. Brian Ferry – WTO Representative

Mr. Jeff Eggleston – Warren County Commissioner

Mr. Dan Molloy - VarTek

Approx. 7 Members of the Public

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

Chairperson, Mr. Arthur Stewart, called meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

1.2 Public Comment

None

2. Old Business

2.1 Allegheny National Forest Update

Discussion: This item is to address the situation with Allegheny National Forest (ANF). The committee has been working on this for a few meetings and has proposed to have a community tour day in the ANF. The Allegheny Forest Alliance (AFA) is meeting on February 26, 2019 at 3:00pm and Mr. Arthur Stewart and Ms. Amy Stewart will be attending on behalf of the Warren County School District. Mr. Stewart is hoping that the WCSD can find some way to involve students. The ANF affects those of us who live and work in the forest. Ms. Stewart suggested surveying members of the Board and Administrators as to who would be invited to participate.

2.2 Other

Discussion: None

3. New Business

3.1 Budget Transfer - \$2,780.00

Discussion: This funds transfer is for the upgrade of a Mastercam system at the Career Center. This transaction is part of a matching grant from the NWPA NTMA.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approve the Resolution and Budget Transfer in the amount of \$2,780.00.

Action: Forward to Board Meeting on March 11, 2019.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Financial Reports

Discussion: Contact Mr. Jim Grosch if there are any questions or concern with any of the reports.

4.2 Grant Report

Discussion: Contact Mr. Matt Jones if there are any questions or concerns with the report.

4.3 Budget Timeline

Discussion: This is the detailed budget timeline for the WCSD. Contact Mr. Jim Grosch if there are any questions or concerns.

4.4 Budget Seven-Year Plans

Discussion: The Technology 7-Year Plan was presented by Mr. Weber. All plans are fluid and will likely change between now and the end of June. The collaboration with VarTek is allowing the district to plan differently. We are piloting devices in classrooms with teachers. We are optimistic about the direction that the district is heading.

The Buildings and Grounds 7-Year Plan was presented by Dr. Kennerknecht. Projects are expensive but so are the damages. We have moved some of the roofing projects and consolidated them with the thought that it is better to replace roofs before they start to leak.

4.5 Other

Discussion: None

5. Other

5.1 Other

Discussion: Procedural – Minutes

Members of the Board and Superintendent met with Commissioner Eggleston, who would like to present information to the Board. Commissioner Eggleston presented Residential LERTA Program Proposal. The basic idea of the program is that if you add onto your property or do anything causing additional assessed value, the tax would be held at a level status for a period of years. The City of Bradford, City of Erie, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia are examples of communities that have a LERTA program. Sheffield, Glade, Mead, and the City of Warren are interested and have expressed their support for this program as

well. Board President Zariczny stated that as a group the Board of School Directors would need to come up with parameters, talk to the solicitor and come up with an ordinance that the School Board could live with. A Board member asked Commissioner Eggleston if this is an all or nothing proposition; does every taxing body have to come aboard. Commission Eggleston stated that it can be township by township and generally, you designate areas of development. A Board member would prefer to be respectful of the municipalities and see what they are thinking. We would like to have Board members go to the next COG meeting. Commissioner Eggleston will coordinate with the Board to visit the COG to have this conversation.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting Date

March 25, 2019

6.2 Executive Session

None

6.3 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.