

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

November 18, 2019

WARREN COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE, SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

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

Mr. Arthur Stewart, Chairperson  
Mr. Joseph Colosimo  
Ms. Elizabeth Huffman

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

None

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Jeffrey Labesky	Mr. Matt Jones	Ms. Liz Kent
Ms. Donna Zariczny	Mr. Mike Kiehl	Ms. Kim Yourchisin
Mr. Paul Mangione	Mr. Brian Reynolds	Ms. Sue Turner
Ms. Ruth Huck	Ms. Jennifer Hobbs	Mr. Jim Hazelett
Mr. Jim Grosch	Ms. Marcia Madigan	Mr. Rick Gignac
Dr. Patty Hawley	Ms. Shelly Wagner	Ms. Lynn Shultz
Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht	Mr. Jeff Flickner	Ms. Misty Weber
Mr. Gary Weber	Ms. Amy Stimmell	Mr. Glenn Smith
Mr. Shannon Yeager	Mr. Jim Evers	Mr. Brian Ferry – WTO Representative
	Mr. James Case	3 Members of the Public

## **1. Opening Activities**

### **1.1 Call to Order**

Mr. Arthur Stewart, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **1.2 Public Comment**

None

## **2. Old Business**

### **2.1 Assessment Discussion**

**Discussion:** Commissioner Eggleston attended and LERTA progress was discussed. Thirteen municipalities have passed an ordinance. If passed it will be most comprehensive program in Pennsylvania per Commissioner Eggleston. Per Commissioner Eggleston, the concept of the program is good and Commissioner Eggleston will help walk the school district through the process. The other ordinances will not go into effect until the District passes a resolution. It is not the County's position to put a discussion about reassessment on the table at this time; as he stated that is a separate discussion. The Board requested data in the past and again is requesting the data before it would commit to the LERTA. The Board is concerned with the inconsistency among the municipalities and the current timeframe for changes to assessments. The Board is also concerned with the impact that common level ratio is having on the tax base due to corporate challenges.

### **2.2 Other**

**Discussion:** None

### 3. New Business

#### 3.1 Repository Sale

**Discussion:** Puts property back on the tax roll.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the repository sale for tax parcel SH-627-942800-000 as presented.

**Action:** Forward to December 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

### 4. Informational Items

#### 4.1 Financial Reports

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

#### 4.2 Rough Cut Budget

**Discussion:** Mr. Jim Grosch reviewed the rough-cut budget.

#### 4.3 WCSD Budget Timeline

**Discussion:** Mr. Jim Grosch reported the timeline for the budget decision is sooner than it has been in most years due to the election cycle. A preliminary budget or a resolution stating the district will not raise the millage above the index must be acted upon before January 9, 2020.

The committee requested a motion be added to the Consent agenda for the December 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting that the District will not raise the millage above the index.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors adopts a resolution electing not to increase its tax rate above the index for the coming 2020-2021 fiscal year.

#### 4.4 Grant Report

**Discussion:** The District received two grants from First Energy totaling over \$1000.

#### 4.5 Other

**Discussion:** None

### 5. Other

#### 5.1 Other

**Discussion:** None

### 6. Closing Activities

#### 6.1 Next Meeting Date

TBD

#### 6.2 Executive Session

None

### **6.3 Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.