

1st Regular Board Meeting
September 4, 2018
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President Jennifer Murray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, whereupon roll was subsequently taken. Melissa Bartels, Leroy Duncan, Mike Redman, Mark St. Peters, and Jennifer Murray answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Missy Bell-Yates and Jamey Westbrook. Also present were administrators/directors John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, and Gerry Mattix-Wand. No other audience present.

Public Comments:

None.

Conduct BINA Hearing:

The Board conducted the Bond Issue Notification Act (BINA) Public Hearing, as duly noticed in the Telegraph; on the Board Agenda for this meeting (posted in the Main Office and sent to the media representatives on file), as well as the required separate 96-hour notice posted in the Main Office for the Hearing. The hearing was held to take any testimony from the public regarding the proposed bond issuance of \$2 Million in Working Cash Bonds and \$1 Million in Funding Bonds.

No members of the public attended the Hearing. Therefore, there were no comments about the proposed bond issuance addressed to the Board.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to close the hearing. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Review of Agenda Items for the September 11, 2018 Regular Meeting:

Budget – FY 19. The District budget has improved from its August projections, primarily due to the added revenue from the WRB Refinery PILOT payment check. Although the District's Operating Funds are still projected to be in deficit spending, the budget projections show a much better looking deficit (about -\$11,000). Of course, the Education Fund still is projected to show a large negative fund balance (-\$863,000) on June 30th, 2019.

The anticipated bond sale is expected to greatly improve the bottom line for the Operating Funds, but is a short-term solution while the District works towards balancing the Education and O&M Funds outright.

Also, the Board was advised that the Tort Fund would need a rate increase, due to the numerous building security and risk management expenses of this past year, with a lowered previous levy.

Dr. Pearson reminded the Board that it would conduct the budget hearing for the FY 2018-19 Budget on Sept. 11th at 6:00 p.m., immediately preceding the Regular Meeting (scheduled for 6:05 start).

He also observed that ISBE has now required (as expected) a new reporting mechanism to record District plans to use the new EBM funds. That will be due on September 30th, like the budget.

Teacher/Administrator Salary and Benefit Report: As is the case each year, the District is required to publish its listing of teacher and administrator salaries and benefits, according to a template from ISBE. The superintendent shared the draft copy with the Board. That document will be formally approved at the Sept. 11th Meeting.

Approve Application for Local Institute Reimbursement from ROE: This is a perfunctory item, in which the ROE asks each district to approve an application for ROE reimbursement for expenses incurred in developing and holding our Institute Day on January 7, 2019.

ID Badges: The administration is in early stages of studying whether to require student and staff ID Badges, to enhance school security. There will be cost implications for the supplies (badges and lanyards, toner), equipment (Badge “printer”), as well as developing procedures about getting replacement badges made; taking photos (for students who miss the Yearbook photo sessions); and who would be assigned those duties.

The Board had a lengthy discussion about this issue and the use of ID badges, related to entry door procedures, and possible use with bar codes for meal charges, library loans, etc.

Interfund Loan – Likely Move to October: Due to the anticipated Working Cash Bond issuance, there is somewhat of a timing issue with the usual Interfund Loans that are made in September.

Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to adjourn to executive session to: a) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, b) Discuss collective bargaining matters, c) Discuss individual student matters d) Discuss pending or current litigation, and e) Discuss emergency security procedures. Aye: Mrs. Bartels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried at 6:32 p.m.

Come Out of Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. St. Peters, to come out of executive session. Aye: Mrs. Bartels, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Redman, Mr. St. Peters, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried at 6:42 p.m.

Action Items Following Executive Session:

Motion by Mrs. Bartels; second by Mr. Duncan, to post vacancies for the following positions: 1) Classroom Aide and 2) Special Ed. Bus Aide. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan; to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 6:44 p.m.