

KIRTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE COMMITTEE
December 14, 2015

The Finance committee meeting was called to order at 7:16 AM in the Kirtland Board of Education building. In attendance were Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer and Mr. Solnosky. Superintendent Steve Barrett and Treasurer Daniel L. Wilson were also present.

Mr. Meyer moved seconded by Mr. Cosgrove that the minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting be approved as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky.

At this time Treasurer Daniel L. presented a summary of the monthly financial activity for November. Mr. Wilson distributed an updated summary of the food-service fund performance with a modification to the November monthly expenses Mr. Wilson indicated that the financial performance to date continues to track to the budget and fiscal projections.

At this time Treasurer Daniel L. Wilson updated the Board on a recent decision by the Ohio Tax Commissioner's office on a pending tax exemption for PF Kirtland LLC the owner of a 40,494 square-foot office building located on State Route 306 and leased to Lakeland Community College for their professional development center. Mr. Wilson indicated that the Tax Commissioner denied the exemption request sighting to Ohio statutes. The ruling saves the school district \$66,200 in school taxes annually. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Cosgrove both indicated that it was their understanding that the Lakeland Community college was in the process of acquiring the property primarily to gain statutory authority for future tax exemptions. Mr. Wilson indicated that the district will continue to monitor this situation

At this time Mr. Wilson, Mr. Barrett and Robin from Gallagher provided and update on the employee insurance program and specifically on the efforts to date to comply with new January 1st 2016 Affordable Care Act regulations. Mr. Barrett also provided an update on the management of the Lake County Healthcare Consortium.

At this time the committee discussed the March 2016 1.1 mill permanent improvement Levy renewal and developed a framework for a committee to campaign for the renewal of the levy. Superintendent Steve Barrett indicated that he would invite select community leaders to a meeting in January. Mr. Barrett will identify 4-5 community leaders for a meeting to be held either January 6th or January 7th. The committee also recognized the importance to begin to develop the next generation of community leaders that will be engaged with school district on financial matters and encourages superintendent to be inclusive in the identification of the leaders to be invited.

At this time Treasurer Daniel L. Wilson updated the board on the district's decision to participate in the Ohio checkbook.com program and indicated that State Treasurer Josh Mandel would be conducting a press conference on December 14th at the news Herald office and had invited members of the Board of Education, Superintendent and Treasurer to participate.

At this time Superintendent Mr. Steve Barrett and Treasurer Mr. Daniel L. Wilson reviewed Board of Education policy 7510 titled Use of School Facilities and the facilities use request process. During the discussion the committee determined to request that the Superintendent with support from the Treasurer develop and update the administrative guidelines for implementing the school facilities use policy and request any comparable guidelines at the city of Kirtland may use for their community center. The committee encouraged the Superintendent to consider the creation of categories recognizing facility use for recreational purposes versus use of facilities for small group meetings. It was requested that clarification be sought on when liability insurance policies would be required as a condition of use of facilities.

At this time Treasurer Daniel L. Wilson presented the 2014-2015 Athletic department budget as well as the 2015-2016 Athletic department budget. Following discussions it was requested that the cost of transportation for athletic purposes be calculated and presented to the committee in January.

At this time Treasurer Daniel L. Wilson provided the finance committee with copies of the general-purpose external financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 prepared by the Local Government Services section of the Ohio Auditor of State Office. The financial statements for the first time included recognition of the unfunded pension liabilities for the state teacher's retirement system and the school employee's retirement system. Mr. Wilson noted the footnotes that state that while the inclusion of the unfunded liability prorated expense is to comply with governmental accounting standard board's pronouncement 68, that there is no statutory authority in Ohio for the pension systems to access individual employers for any unfunded liability. Mr. Wilson indicated he would be filing copies of the financial statements with the Kirtland Public Library.

At this time Mr. Wilson was excused to attend a previously scheduled meeting.
Mr. Wilson departed at 8:45 AM

At this time Superintendent Mr. Steve Barrett provided information concerning the need for an electronic sign in front of the high school. The committee requested additional information on the sign.

At this time Mr. Steve Barrett continued the discussion from previous meetings on weight room supervision needs. Following discussions the committee indicated their support for weight room supervision contingent on identifying a funding source for this new expense

At this time Mr. Timothy Cosgrove moved saying by Mr. Meyer that the committee recess to executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Roll call: Ayes: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky. The committee recessed to 9:55 AM

Mr. Solnosky called the meeting back or at 10:00 AM there being no further business to come before the committee Mr. Solnosky moved seconded by Mr. Cosgrove the meeting be adjourned Roll call: Ayes: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky.

Meeting adjourned at 10 AM