

Finance Committee Minutes
June 18, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Pana Unit Office Board Room

Meeting was called to order by Clint Foor, Chairman.

Members present: Metzger, Beyers, Foor

Members absent:

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors: David Dively, Gary Ade

The Committee discussed the following items:

1. *Approval of the Minutes from 04/12/2012.* Motion by Beyers; Second by Metzger.
2. *Review Projected FY12 Budget* – Dr. Lett reviewed the projected budgeted for FY12. Education Fund Projected Revenues were \$10.7 million while expenditures were projected at \$11.27 million. The projected deficit was \$571,000
3. *Review of General State Aid* – Dr. Lett reviewed the General State Aid worksheet. He indicated that with declining enrollment ADA is declining. The gross GSA of \$6.1 million for 2011 was prorated at 95% for 2012. It will be prorated at 89% for 2013. That represents \$671,000 of the 2011 number for 2013. He pointed out that this brings our fund level to a point comparable to the mid – 2000’s. The last two years are the first time that GSA has ever been prorated. The \$5,430,325.55 FY13 GSA is approximately at the 2006-2007 level.

Dr. Beyers asked what other costs have been pushed to the district. The pension issue is probably the main additional cost. Could amount to approximately ½ million dollars at 7%.

4. *FY13 Co-curricular and Financial Considerations* – The committee discussed the soccer fee. Soccer has requested to charge participants a fee of \$60 - \$100. The committee was not aware that this fee was necessary in order to meet their budget. The committee discussed the option of allowing soccer to charge a fee or to charge a fee for all sports.

The committee also discussed the possibility of requiring parent transportation. Dr. Lett shared some forms used by other districts that are having parents transport student athletes. Discussion was held as to whether or not to start parent transport with boys/girls soccer and 5th and 6th grade basketball. This could transition to Saturday transportation. Mr. Metzger asked about liability for the district. Concerns were raised about students transporting themselves. Initial thought was that they shouldn’t. Additional discussion was held regarding whether or not there would need to be an approved list of parent transporters, whether training would be necessary and union reaction to this proposal.

The committee discussed raising the sports admission fees that are currently at \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Mr. Metzger suggested that we keep the student fee at \$2 and raise the adult fee. The committee was in favor of setting the fees at \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

The committee discussed the possibility of establishing a \$50 across the board sport fee. Mr. Ade indicated that the fee would have the potential of raising \$22,500. Fees would be paid by season. There would be no fees for intramurals or 6th grade program. The committee discussed whether there should be a family cap. Should there be a provision for hardship cases. Mr. Ade indicated that we need to implement fees because of the reduction in athletic funds. He felt the fees could be an alternative to cutting sports. No decision was made, but probably would need to make one for July. The co-curricular area including music, band, sports, etc. has been cut 25% with another 5% coming in FY13.

The committee discussed dual athletic participation with the addition of soccer. Mr. Ade indicated that the coaches were supportive of the idea. The committee agreed that this should be permitted on a 1 year trial basis.

Dr. Lett informed the committee that lunch prices probably need to be raised to be more in line with the federal reimbursement. He indicated that he would have a recommendation for the regular board meeting for the board to vote on.

He also shared information with the committee regarding the fees for Lake Land College classes. Currently the district splits the cost 50/50 with students for dual credit/college course. Total cost to the district this year was approximately \$45,000. The current cost for students is \$175 per class. Dr. Lett is proposing an increase to \$200.

5. *Other Financial Considerations* – The committee discussed the annual board convention held each fall. It was decided that the district would support the cost of all board members attending for 1 more year and then start a rotation. It was pointed out that board members need 4 hours of professional development per year. If they don't attend the convention they will need to attend other activities such as the Abe Lincoln Division meetings.

A motion was made by Metzger and seconded by Beyers to adjourn the meeting of June 18, 2012 at 6:23 p.m.

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