School Board Meeting: May 28, 2019

Subject: RESOLUTION APPROVING WRIGHT TECHNICAL

CENTER'S LONG-TERM FACILITY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF

THOSE PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT'S APPLICATION FOR LONG-TERM FACILITY

MAINTENANCE REVENUE

Presenter: Gary Kawlewski, Director

Finance and Operations

Scott Thielman, Superintendent

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Action required

DESCRIPTION:

As a part of the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance revenue legislation, school district cooperatives were also given the authority to utilize the revenue program. The revenue has a flow thru component similar to lease levy authority. Although it is an equalized revenue, the state aid component is already being maximized with our own LTFM application so this request is all levy authority. This is the fourth year of the Wright Technical Center request. We would again, levy and collect the taxes on behalf of Wright Technical Center and then forward the funds onto them for their use with their facilities. The additional amount would be a part of our total tax levy that we would approve in the fall of 2019 for taxes payable in 2020. We would forward the funds to WTC for use in the 2020-21 school year. A unique provision of the legislation is that all member districts of the co-op must pass the resolution annually by June 30th or the co-op loses the entire ability to levy LTFM revenue for that year. This is an annual approval similar to the LTFM provisions for our own school system.

The uses of the funds are similar to our authority and the Wright Technical Center application contains the following types of deferred maintenance expenditure requests:

- Health and safety projects and assessments
- Building envelope repair
- Fire testing and monitoring
- HVAC preventative maintenance
- Flooring and painting

WTC is looking to collect the same amount as last year totaling \$167,000 from their member districts. Our portion would be \$50,067, up from \$47,311 from last year. This is an increase of \$2,756. The current tax impact projection on a \$200,000 home would be \$2.51 per year. This a \$.04 decrease per year for a BHM residential homestead property.

As a member district in a co-op, we have a part-ownership in the facilities that are owned by the co-op. As a steward of public facilities, we have an obligation to maintain those facilities in good repair for the health and safety of our students who attend those facilities. The obvious challenge is that although technically, revenue neutral to our budget, it is one more competing interest for our tax dollars that we levy to use across our other facilities and for our educational program needs.

We recommend approval of the attached resolution to allow LTFM levy authority for the Wright Technical Center.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- WTC LTFM Resolution BHM
- WTC 10 year LTFM Expenditure plan pay 2020
- LTFM Coop Allocation Form pay 2020