

HARVEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 152
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 3, 2018
1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 P.M.

Present at the meeting were: Board members: Tyrone Rogers, Felicia Johnson

Administration: John F. Thomas, Dr. Wilkinson, Chuck Givines

Staff: Ms. Nicole Wright

Property Tax Relief Grant Application 2019

Dr. Wilkinson updated the committee on the 2019 Property Tax Relief Grant Application FY2019 Application. The application must be submitted by January 7, 2019. The relief grant provides districts with high tax rates relative to other school districts with a lower property burden of local taxpayers. \$50 million is reserved for the purpose in FY2019. The expected Tax relief for District 152 is \$825,219.29. The Committee will recommend approval at the Board of Education Meeting.

Tax Rate Objections

Dr. Wilkinson provided the committee with favorable information pertaining to ruling on limited/working cash bonds objections. The favorable development on the litigation concerning the very common tax rate.

BONDS Payment

Dr. Wilkinson discussed 1.6 million bond payment was due December 1, 2018. Unfortunately, due to the District's low property tax collections, the District was only able to collect \$640,934 in the Bond Interest fund. A resolution has been prepared and will be presented to the Board to move the working cash fund to the bond and Interest fund to address the shortfall.

Riley Pre-K location Discussion /working cash bonds objections

Dr. Wilkinson discussed relocation information with committee pertaining to Riley Pre-K. Relocating Riley Pre-K students to another district facility would save the district nearly \$1 million in Health Life Safety repairs. A planning process will be outlined and discussed with the Board of Education.

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PowerSchool Online Registration

Dr. Wilkinson shared a quote for services of online Registration with PowerSchool. The committee discussed the limited use by the parents and community to access the district website to download registration materials. At this time the committee will not move forward with Online registration but will keep track of website usage so that we may revisit in the near future.

Seconds Matter Safety Solutions

Dr. Wilkinson briefed the committee on pull station device controls that can be activated in case of emergency. The pull stations are designed for a path of communication offsite and at other buildings and interact with PA Systems and control systems. Neighboring District 148 is in the process of installation. Once complete the committee will visit to gain more insight.

ISC4 Health Life Safety Visit Report

The committee was updated on the Health Life Safety visit. The District has moved from a C rating to A. ISC4 thanked the district and stated that Mr. Givines, Dr. Wilkinson, Alfred Daniels, maintenance staff and custodial staff should be commended on the great care and work they are doing for the students and staff.

COMED Energy Efficiency Program

Dr. Wilkinson presented a facility assessment program through COMED. Preliminary interviews and a site visit will take place to develop a specific plan to cut energy cost. An assessment report that identifies incentive opportunities at no cost. Further information will be presented to the Board at a later date.

Building and Grounds

Mr. Givines and staff are preparing for the winter months getting the snow blowers serviced and ordered ice melt. The intercom system at Maya Angelou has been replaced and security camera installation will begin at Riley Pre-K and Angelou.

Invoices over \$10,000

Invoices over \$10,000 were presented and reviewed by the committee.

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The meeting ended at 2:18 PM.

Next Meeting will take place Monday, January 7, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Action Items:

1. Administration recommends action to approval to prepare specifications to solicit bids for Student Transportation Services 2019-2022.
2. Administration recommends action to approve the sell of \$5,000.000 working cash fund bonds.
3. Administration recommends action to approve the Resolution abating the working cash for debt services purposes (2018)
4. Administration recommends action to approve submission of the Property Tax Relief Grant Application FY2019.