

School Board Meeting:

May 26, 2020

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 fifth 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 2020 for taxes payable in 2021. We would forward the funds to WTC for use in the 2021-22 school year. A unique provision of the legislation is that all member districts of the coop must pass the resolution annually by June 30th or the coop 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 use of the funds is 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 \$50,634.40, up slightly from \$50,067 from last year. This is an increase of \$567.40. The current tax impact projection on a \$200,000

home would be \$2.39 per year. This a \$.12 decrease per year for a BHM residential homestead property.

As a member district in a coop, we have a part-ownership in the facilities that are owned by the coop. 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