

HARVEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 152  
Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 4, 2019  
1:00 P.M.

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**The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.**

**Present at the meeting were:** Board Members: Mr. Tyrone Rogers, Ms. Felicia Johnson

**Administration:** Mr. John Thomas, Dr. Matt Wilkinson, Ms. Dana Nichols, Mr. Charles Givens,  
Mr. Seneca Woodson, Ms. Nicole Wright and Ms. Jamie Watson

**PowerSchool Proposal**

Ms. Dana Nichols presented the PowerSchool proposal. There will be a one-time (1x) setup and training fee. The goal associated with PowerSchool online registration is a less wait time for parents and less staff needed during registration. The PowerSchool Online Registration is looking to be up and running in July of 2019. It will be submitted to the Board for approval at the February Board meeting.

**Gwendolyn Brooks Junior High School 2019 Security Funding Proposal**

Mr. Seneca G. Woodson, District Security Supervisor, presented the Gwendolyn Brooks Junior High School 2019 Security Funding Proposal. Mr. Woodson estimated the annual total cost of this operation to \$240,578.00. He stated the total annual cost will include a list of the following:

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| 1. Salaries   | Estimated \$\$ |
| a. 2 School Resource Officers – SRO (TBH)                       | \$56,000.00    |
| b. Hallway Monitors   | \$19,200.00    |
| c. Special Events Reserved, i.e. Sporting Events/Holiday Dances | \$ 5,000.00    |
| 2. Office/General Administrative                                |                |
| a. Office Expenses  | \$10,000.00    |
| b. Training   | \$ 5,000.00    |
| c. Supplies   | \$ 2,500.00    |
| d. Other General Expenses                                       | \$ 2,500.00    |
| 3. Insurance  |                |
| a. Errors & Omissions   | \$ 2,000.00    |
| 4. Vendor Cost  |                |
| a. SMG One-Time Fee   | \$44,906.00    |

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| b. SMG Monthly Support/ Monitoring (Annual Cost)    | \$ 6,200.00 |
| c. Raptor Technologies (All Schools)                | \$22,776.00 |
| d. Preferred Window & Door (Bullet Resistant Glass) | \$25,896.00 |
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| 5. Other Expenses                                   |             |
| a. Motorola Radios                                  | \$ 3,600.00 |
| b. Uniforms   | \$10,000.00 |
| c. Reserves   | \$10,000.00 |
| d. Grant Fees                                       | \$15,000.00 |

Mr. Woodson stated in a letter addressed to the Finance Committee that this annual budget was compiled from the security assessment conducted on Brooks Junior High School only. Brooks was the first school to receive their security assessment. Dr. Wilkinson stated that there should be an assessment done on all the other schools in the district to analyze the total cost of this project. Mr. Woodson stated that he will be conducting assessments on Bryant, Angelou, Whittier, and Holmes soon. In conclusion, the project will be reviewed and brought back to the Finance Committee at a later date.

### **Facility Options**

Mr. John Thomas presented to the Finance Committee Meeting four different facility options.

➤ **OPTION I SUMMARY**

- Demolish or Sell existing Sandburg Building in 2020
- Sell existing Fields Building
- At Riley Pre-School Building: Close Pre-K; relocate students (9) classrooms to Whittier School. Admin to remain
- Renovate all District schools to Life Safety code

➤ **OPTION II SUMMARY**

- Demolish or Sell existing Sandburg Building in 2020
- Sell existing Fields Building
- At Riley Pre-school Building: Close Pre-K; relocate student to home schools – Bryant, Angelou, Holmes and Whittier. Admin to remain
- Renovate all District schools to Life Safety code

➤ **OPTION III SUMMARY**

- Demolish or Sell existing Sandburg Building in 2020
- Demolish or Sell existing Angelou Building
- Demolish or Sell existing Holmes Building

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- Sell existing Fields Building
- At Riley Pre-School Building; Close Pre-K. Admin to remain
- Consolidate to 3 grade centers: Whittier: Pre-K, Bryant: Grades 3-5, Brooks; Grades 6-8
- Renovate all District schools to Life Safety code

➤ **OPTION IV SUMMARY**

- Demolish or Sell existing Sandburg Building in 2020
- Demolish or Sell existing Angelou Building
- Sell existing Fields Building
- At Riley Pre-school Building: Close Pre-K; relocate student to home schools. Admin to remain. Boundaries to be determined
- Renovate all District schools to Life Safety code

Mr. John Thomas stated that by choosing OPTION I there will be a total savings amount of \$5,000,000.00. Mr. Rogers also agreed on selling Sandburg and not renewing the lease agreement.

**Echo Lease Termination**

Dr. Wilkinson presented the Echo lease termination agreement. It will be submitted to the Board at the February Board meeting.

**Illinois Action for Children Lease Termination**

Dr. Wilkinson presented the Illinois Action for Children termination lease agreement. It will be submitted to the Board at the February Board Meeting.

**2019 Health Life Safety “A” Projects**

The Board approved preparation and solicitation of bids for the 2019 Health Life Safety “A” Projects for the following schools:

- Bryant Elementary School
- Brooks Junior High School
- Holmes Elementary School
- Whittier Elementary School

The committee discussed moving forward with the bidding process for the project. Further information will be presented to the Board at a later date.

### **Maintenance/Capital Projects Assessment**

Dr. Wilkinson presented the Health Life Safety cost for FY 13, FY14, FY15, FY16, FY17, FY18, FY19, FY20. For the FY13 no capital projects were completed. For the FY14 no capital projects were completed. For the FY15 no capital projects were completed. For the FY16 no capital projects were completed. For the FY17 no capital projects were completed. For FY18 the Board issued a work cash bond for \$1.6 million in which was paid off in December 2018. In January 2019 the Board issued a work cash bond for \$1.6 million in which is projected to be paid off in December 2019.

### **Seconds Matter Safety Solutions**

Dr. Wilkinson presented a revised proposal from SMSS removing Sandburg School. At this time the committee has scheduled a visit to District #148 to review the system that was installed. Mr. Woodson, District Security Supervisor, has been invited to attend the review of the system. Further information will be presented to the Board at a later date.

### **Property Tax Appeal Board Case – Tax Year 2014 & 2015**

With the proposed settlement, the loss in revenue for the 2014 tax year will be reduced to \$12,200. For the 2015 tax year, we have persuaded the taxpayer to withdraw his appeal in the Property Tax Appeal Board. Accordingly, the loss in revenue for the 2015 tax year will be \$-0-.

In total, for the 2014 & 2015 tax years, the total potential loss in revenue to School District #152 is approximately \$29,366 plus interest. In total, with the proposed settlement, the loss in revenue to School District #152 will be reduced to \$12,200. Considering the cost of proceeding to a hearing, and incurring additional expenses, coupled with the withdrawal of the 2015 tax appeal and the reduced loss in revenue, Attorney Joel DeTella, recommend that the proposed settlement be accepted.

### **Property Tax Relief Grant**

A total of 373 School Districts applied for the Property Tax Relief Grant in this first year of implementation. The District applied for the Property Tax Relief Grant however, we were not selected. 28 school districts are eligible to receive the \$50 million set aside for the Property Tax Relief Grant in FY 2019.

### **GSA Recalculation 2019**

Dr. Wilkinson presented the General State Aid proposal from Attorney Hauser Izzo. Each year Atty. Hauser Izzo will prepare and submit the claims on the behave of Harvey School District #152.

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**Student Transportation Bid**

School District #147 is awaiting approval of bid specification from their Finance Committee. Once approved the invitation to bid will go out to competing companies.

**Illinois Bobcats Harvey Facility Usage Request**

Illinois Bobcats requested to utilize Brooks Junior High School Gym. The request has been denied at this time. Options to utilize another District facility will be suggested.

**Building and Grounds Update**

The District Office had AVAC Heating issues during the emergency closing days. The Building and Grounds staff worked diligently to repair the system.

**Invoices Over \$10,000.00**

None were presented at this time.

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| <b>Action Items for Recommendation:</b> |
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1. PowerSchool Online Registration as presented.
  - Approval
  
2. 2019 Harvey Master Plan: Harvey School District 152  
OPTION I
  - o Demolish or Sell existing Sandburg Building in 2020
  - o Sell existing Fields Building
  - o At Riley Pre-School Building: Close Pre-K; relocate students (9) classrooms to Whittier School. Admin to remain
  - o Renovate all District schools to Life Safety code
  - Approval 2019 Harvey Master Plan Option 1 as presented.
  
3. Echo Termination Lease Agreement
  - \*Agreed to Terminate Lease Agreement – Approval as presented.
  
4. Illinois Action for Children Termination Lease Agreement
  - \*Agreed to Terminate Lease Agreement – Approval as presented.

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5. Property Tax Appeal Board Case – Tax Year 2014 & 2015
  - Approve the Property Tax Appeal Board 2014 & 2015 tax years proposed settlement as presented. The Attorney Joel DeTella will be at the Board meeting in closed session to explain the proposed settlement and answer any questions the Board may have regarding this issue.
  
6. Hero's for Harvey facility usage request as presented.
  - Approval