

School Board Workshop:

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Subject:

Quarterly Financial Update

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

For School Board review.

DESCRIPTION:

Attached is the December 31st quarterly financial update. Expenditures are summarized by fund with the exception of the General Fund. **Administration** includes all administrative expenditures. **Instruction Related** expenditures consist of regular instruction, vocational instruction, and special education instruction. Instructional support and pupil support (transportation) are in the **Student Support Services** category, and the buildings & grounds, transfers, and insurance expenditures are in the **Maintenance & Operations** category. **Capital Outlay** expenditures have been removed from each program to make its own category. The last category is **Property Insurance and Short-term Debt Service**.

Revenues and Expenditures

Since the construction activity is near completion, only the operating funds are listed: General Fund, Food Service, Community Service, Capital Outlay, and Debt Service. Revenues as a percentage of the budget are 42.08%, 53.58%, and 38.48%, respectively for the last three years. At the same point of time last year, the Debt Service fund received the refunding bond proceeds from the bond refinance. This caused the overall percentage to be higher than normal. Without the refunding bond, the overall percentage would have been approximately 39%.

A similar issue happened this year with the OPEB bond proceeds, which affected the General Fund, Food Service, and Community Service. Taking the OPEB bond proceeds out of the equation, the overall percentage of revenue received during the year is approximately 33%. The state aid payment shift and direct federal reimbursements are evident and affecting the General Fund.

Overall, the expenditures as a percentage of the budget are similar from year to year. Expenditures as a percentage of the budget are 46.30%, 39.32%, and 40.55%, respectively for the last three years. Again, the 2009-10 percentage is a little skewed due to the OPEB bond. If the OPEB bond transfer to the trust was removed from the totals, the overall percentage would be about 37%.

Graphs 1

The two graphs include only the General Fund since it is the main operating fund. They are very simple and easy to read graphs on how the District is operating financially. There is a spike in the 2009-10 totals because of the OPEB bond proceeds and transfer to the trust. You can see the General Fund's budget compared to the year-to-date expenditures are pretty consistent. The bottom graph demonstrates that we are spending more than the amount of revenue we are receiving at the start of each school year. Again, the state aid payment shift and federal reimbursements affect how our revenues are coming in during the year, so it's crucial for us to keep monitoring state revenues and request the federal reimbursements in a timely manner.

Graphs 2 & 3

The attachments labeled Graph 2 & Graph 3 are the General Fund's monthly revenue and expenditure balance for the last three years and as a percentage of the budget. The comparison sheets also give you an idea of what is going on during the months between the quarterly updates.

Bremer Bank – Trust

It seems fitting to also include a quarterly update on the OPEB trust. It was agreed upon for Bremer Bank to invest the trust in 3 stages to take advantage of the changing market – November, December, and January. As of December 31st, we still had money in cash to be invested in January. Since the trust is only in the beginning stages, I included the first page of the December statement for your review. Once the trust has been up and running, fully invested, you may have a better idea of what you'd like to see.

Attachments:

YTD 123109 Comparison – Rev & Exp
YTD 123109 Comparison – Graphs 1, 2 & 3
Bremer Bank Statement Dec2009