

## WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mark Boyer Business Manager

> Finance Budget Workshop Date: Wednesday, 03/08/2023 Place & Time: CBR, 5:30pm

Committee Liaison: Steve Pottieger

## **Meeting Summary**

Attendees: Mr. Boyer, Mr. Scoboria, Dr. Woodard

Board Attendees: Mrs. Harenza, Mrs. Kuhn, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Pottieger, Ms. Townsend,

Mrs. Taylor (Zoom)

Public Attendees: Roxanne McMurtry – Herbein + Company

Finance Workshop called to order at 5:38 pm

Mr. Boyer introduced Roxanne McMurtry from Herbein + Company. Ms. McMurtry presented the Audit and Financial Statement Overview ending June 30, 2022. The auditors granted an Unmodified Option, which is a clean audit for the statements ending June 30, 2022.

Mr. Boyer reviewed budget challenges for 2023/24 and beyond including the Masonic Temple/Commonwealth Charter Academy, the status of current appeals, West Reading Development, and Oak Street Investment. Mr. Boyer reviewed State Revenue and provided a State Budget Review highlighting key areas.

Mr. Boyer reviewed enrollment projections and class size highlighting projected 1<sup>st</sup> grade enrollment.

Mr. Boyer reviewed Expenditures such as additional transportation costs for bell time adjustment, inflationary increases in fuel, insurance, utilities, health care; Cyber/Charter school tuition costs and special education placement tuition cost increase. The reduction in PSERS rate from 35.26% to 34% was also discussed

Mr. Boyer provided a personnel overview including upcoming retirements and said subject to changes in Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> grade there is no recommendation of new positions in the proposed expenditure budget. The vacant positions that will be created by retirements were discussed.

The Board advised Administration to proceed with advertising to fill the vacant positions for the 2023/2024 school year. The ESSER funded Math Interventionist and Reading Specialist positions were reviewed. Mr. Boyer reviewed support staff reductions, phase II of non-education related support staff wage increases, merit increases, and said he is not recommending any new support staff positions. Administrative increases are per Act 93 Agreement and no new administrative positions are recommended.

Administration was asked to continue work on math and mental health action plan to discuss any budget impact for 2023-24, as well as possible mental health funding from Pennsylvania.

Mr. Boyer reviewed and presented a \$42.8MM proposed expenditure budget for the 2023/2024 school year. Total expenditures increased 3.78% over 2022/23 adopted expenditure budget. Mr. Boyer reviewed special education and regular education increased expenditure percentages, salary, benefits, purchased services increases, and other use of funds increase percentages. Mr. Boyer reviewed revenue, expenditures, deficit and options.

Mr. Boyer explained next steps in April include Special Education update, update on preliminary budget revenue and expenditures, real estate tax increase discussion and capital expenditure budget with 5-year forecast.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 7:23 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Mr. Boyer