

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Finance Committee

Monday, April 24, 2017

Auditorium, Rev. Lyman S. Parks Administration Building

4:00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Baker - Chairperson, Ms. Grant Ms. Schottke, Mr. Ghareeb Mr. Klomprens,
Ms. Kribs, Ms. Kuhlman, Mr. Oberst, Ms. Trovillion

Absent: Dr. Flores

Public Comment

None.

ACTION ITEMS

Purchasing Agenda

Mr. Oberst presented the Purchasing Agenda. A committee member asked if there was offsetting income for the Northpointe Christian item. Mr. Oberst said that the arrangement is that through payment of food service to us, and the employees of theirs we utilize to serve food, we reimburse some expenses to them. A second series of questions were asked in regards to Maddox Construction Consulting and their selection. Mr. Klomprens noted that they have worked on previous Bond projects for us, and was selected from a pool of three candidates. They are on site for all meetings related to the projects they are working on. They act in the district's interest, and follow the direction given by GRPS. This is not a role that could easily be performed by a staff person due to the complexity and duration of projects, and the individual expertise required of each unique project. Mr. Oberst also added that there are needs for projects that are grant funded to have certain requirements met, and it is valuable to have a dedicated owner's representative to ensure all needed requirements are achieved. In regards to the historical preservation, the exterior of the museum will remain intact.

Motion for Purchasing Agenda approval made by Ms. Schottke, supported by Ms. Grant.

Motion carried.

Your Finance Committee recommends the Purchasing Agenda to be placed on the Agenda for Board action at the May 1, 2017 Board of Education meeting.

Grants

Ms. Kuhlman reviewed the grants presented. She emphasized that these grants are a sign of our community's confidence in our district. The Steelcase Foundation grant was for an early warning system for academic performance. This will pair with our current Synergy software to notify teachers to intervene sooner for academically troubled students. This is a collaborative program with John Hopkins University, and will provide funds for staff, teacher stipends, technical

assistance, and data. This will be implemented at Alger Middle and Ottawa Hills High School initially, with Westwood Middle and Union High School to follow.

The second grant is from Grand Rapids Community Foundation, and is their 7th year providing this level of funding. This grant is for the Challenge Scholars schools for a college career coordinator staff member. It also will go toward covering the district's three priorities focused on literacy.

Motion for Donations and Grants approval made by Ms. Grant, supported by Ms. Schottke.

Motion carried.

Your Finance Committee recommends these Donations and Grants to be placed on the Agenda for Board action at the May 1, 2017 Board of Education meeting.

REPORTS/UPDATES/DISCUSSION

March Financial Statements

Mr. Oberst presented the March financial statements. He advised that the intent is to bring the 2nd Budget Amendment to the May Finance Committee meeting. This will also reflect additional expenditures of bond projects, such as student devices. A board member asked if the \$2 million change from last year to this year from payments from local governments was a timing issue, or something more. Mr. Oberst responded that this was just a timing issue.

Warm, Safe & Dry Update

Mr. Klomparens updated that the Ridgemoor Park demolition and abatement was Board approved April 17th, and work began on April 18th. The completion goal is for Ridgemoor Park to be open in August. The next project will be the replacement roof for the Innovation Central High School gym.

Bond Update

Mr. Klomparens noted that in the bond planning document, all changes are highlighted. Of note, Buchanan has two dates – the first for new classrooms that will be open next spring, and the second for start of school 2018. Mr. Klomparens shared renderings of Museum High School plans. He advised that there will be landscape renovations for security purposes, and a flag pole will be added in the parking lot.

A board member asked about the capacity of the middle and high school. Mr. Klomparens shared that there is space for 360 total students, 90 per grade level at the high school. Capacity for the middle school is 180. A Board member asked if this meant that students would be able to enter Museum High School without having previously been in the middle school, and Mr. Klomparens confirmed that is correct.

A board member asked if at some point in the renovations if the Academy of Design and Construction would be able to become involved, and Mr. Klomprens advised then when possible, yes they could.

The Committee Chairperson asked for the renderings to be shared at the next full Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Oberst reviewed the timeline for financial events for the remainder of the fiscal year. He advised that the 2017-18 budget will need to be approved by June 30, 2017. Amendment 2 will be presented at the May 22nd Finance Committee meeting, and would then go to the full Board of Education meeting on June 5th. On May 17th the State will have its final Revenue Estimating Conference for the State's 2017-18 budget, with the Governor's hopes to have the final budget released on June 1st. The Enhancement Millage vote will be held on May 2nd, and the results should be provided shortly thereafter. It was confirmed that if the Enhancement Millage passes that it will be included on summer taxes county wide. Mr. Oberst shared that at the May 22nd Finance Committee meeting he intends to have the GRPS 2017-18 budget to present. If committee passes, it would then move to the full Board of Education June 5th. It would be determined after the May 22nd meeting and the decision if the budget presented will move forward or if adjustments will need to be made as to when the Public Budget Hearing will occur. If a work session needs to be added, this will also be decided during this window of time.

The Committee Chairperson advised that there will be more conversation in May about the Public Budget Hearing planning, and also advised he would like this information presented at the May 1st full Board of Education meeting.

Sustainability

Ms. Trovillion shared that there have been many Earth Day celebrations throughout the district. On April 14th a group of 100 students participated in "Planting for Our Future", and they planted 48 trees – the largest number of trees planted by GRPS students to date. The group was students from Union and Westwood. Also, on April 27th, Campus Elementary students will all be given a tree seedling, with the Mayor presiding, for an Arbor Day celebration. There will also be an event at Palmer Elementary for preschoolers to plant 10 trees in the second week of May.

Meeting adjourned 4:39 p.m.

Dr. Tony Baker, Chairperson
Dr. Jose Flores
Kristian Grant
Jen Schottke

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