

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

9139

September 15, 2016

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education met in Special Session on September 15, 2016, at the Gahanna Jefferson Board Office, 160 S. Hamilton Road. The committee meeting started at 7:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Matthew Campbell	Absent
	Mr. Joe Gottron	Absent
	Mrs. Daphne Moehring	Present
	Mr. Jason Phillips	Absent
	Mrs. Beryl Piccolantonio	Present (Arrived @ 7:10 a.m.)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:	Steve Barrett
	Scott Schmidt (Arrived at 7:20 a.m.)
	Julio Valladares

MEDIA PRESENT:	None
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GUESTS PRESENT:	None
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Items for Discussion

- **Permanent Improvement (PI) Levy Update – Julio Valladares:**
 - Mr. Valladares provided an update on Permanent Improvement funds. He discussed each of the three years, what has been accomplished, and the things that still need to be completed.
 1. \$2,685,031 was spent in Year 1
 2. \$2,786,340 was spent in Year 2
 3. \$2,201,200 is estimated cost for Year 3 (FY2017)
 - Business Manager Update
 1. Conducting final interviews

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2. Have interviewed 10 – 11 individuals
3. Everyone is pleased with the candidate pool

Note: Change in Business Manager will push back progress in FY2017 to some degree.

- **Refining the Five Financial Principles – Daphne Moehring:**

- 1) Every dollar spent must add value to teaching and learning; there are management options attached to each dollar spent.
- 2) All fiscal decisions will be made in context of the five-year forecast.
- 3) We will aggressively pursue the avoidance of deficit spending.
- 4) We believe that it is prudent to have a cash reserve position that is no less than 60 “true days cash”.
 - We must meet the numbers on the five-year forecast
 - 60 days is more realistic than 90 days
 - If we fall below 60 days then we need to take action
 - Must always have a cash reserve
 - We pay out \$6 million per month
 - If the State would reduce our foundation aid by 10%, it would make a big impact on our reserve
 - If principals have money left over in their accounts, it does forward to the following year. It is not the intent to take back any monies that are not used.
 - Some states have up to 100 days of ready cash in their reserve. Committee feels that 60 days is sufficient.
 - Set the reserve by at least 60 days instead of a dollar amount.
- 5) We will conduct and follow long-range planning for capital assets, including technology.

Note: Since only two Board members were at the meeting, the financial principles will be fully reviewed at the next finance committee meeting for Board approval at a later date.

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- **Appropriations Update:**

- Board approved temporary appropriations of \$86.6M for expenditures at the September 8th Board Meeting. Requested expenses were increased by \$2.8 million and the board members were not advised of the increase in a more transparent and responsible manner.
- Estimated revenues are projected to be \$83.2M.
- There are 24 pay periods per year.
- Teachers are being paid 25 pays this fiscal year per the negotiated agreement due to teachers starting to work earlier than in previous years. New teachers begin work on August 1st, so instead of waiting until September 10th to receive their first pay, their first pay began on August 31st.

Note: The committee requested a revised five-year forecast so that they will have time to review it before sending to the Board.

- **Presentation by Jeff Collett, Director of Technology**

- **Update:**
 - Chromebook purchases for a group of teachers to participate in a series of pilots
 - Five Pilot Projects
 - Real World Applications
 - Multi-year contracts
 - Total Cost
- **Implement Google Classroom**
 - Need a Learning Management System
 - Commitment for five years
 - Meets 90% of needs
 - Equip and train 30 teachers
 - 60 days with students to pull back data
 - Pilot would run September 15th – December 16th
 - January 9th would be the release date

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Note: Mrs. Moehring's concern is that this is not a full 60-day trial due to the upcoming holidays.

➤ **Class Link Pilot**

- Delivers instant access to all web resources
- Ability to sign in externally
- Cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year

➤ **Pilot 3 & 4 Classroom Management Devices**

- The companies are DyKnow and GoGuardian
- They are allowing 6 GJPS teachers to participate
- This allows the teacher from their desk to see each student's screen
- Teacher can lock a student into the task they want them to focus on

➤ **Pilot #5 – Teacher Device**

- This is a mobile device for the teachers so they can lead students when students are using mobile devices
- This is the next generation Chromebook
- Cost is \$359 per device

Note: Mrs. Piccolantonio asked about giving teachers a money amount to purchase their own device so that they have the ability all of the time.

➤ **Conclusion**

- Requesting \$17,950 for 50 Chromebooks to run the 5 pilot programs.
- The programs would be conducted two weeks apart.

Note: Mrs. Piccolantonio and Mrs. Moehring requested a detailed technology budget and a five-year plan.

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ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting of the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

President

Treasurer