

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held at Limestone Community High School, District 310, on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Mike Vollmer the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

Committee Members Present: Mr. Mike Vollmer; and Mr. Lonnie Catterall

Other Members Present: Mr. Jim Bainter; Mr. Shawn Bryan; and Mr. Bob Neal

Administrators Present: Dr. Allan Gresham; Mr. Rusty Russell; and Dr. Denise Ryder

Dr. Gresham distributed information about the VoIP phone system project that was introduced at our January Board of Education Meeting. The current Norstar system was installed around 1998 and the manufacturer is no longer in business and parts and support for the system are becoming non-existent. This puts us at risk of having something happen to the wrong part or component that would take our whole system down. We have obtained a preliminary proposal from Heart for a new voice over internet (VoIP) phone system that costs approximately seventy thousand (\$70,000) dollars. Lease purchase monies would be utilized to fund the project over the next two years. The infrastructure for this project has already been planned for and installed in other infrastructure cabling projects in previous years. This project will be brought to the February 12, 2019 Board meeting for approval.

Dr. Gresham discussed the option of renewing our activity bus lease. We are currently in the third year of a three-year lease agreement on our activity bus. Our current lease amount is \$7,482 annually. The leasing of an activity bus has saved time and money for the district and has provided us with flexibility that we would not otherwise have with our transportation agreement with First Student. Dr. Gresham provided the Committee members with two options for the new lease agreement from Midwest Transit Equipment: a new three-year lease comes to us at a cost of \$9,231 annually or two-year renewal keeping the same bus at a cost of \$6,969 annually. Increase in costs was contributed to increased chassis costs from Chevy and interest rates also have contributed to the increase. The Committee has requested that Dr. Gresham receive another quote to explore the new bus option. Dr. Gresham will provide information to the Board at the February 12, 2019 meeting.

Dr. Gresham discussed a potential agreement with National Investigations to subcontract residency investigations of students within our district. This agreement was discussed as an informational item at the January Board meeting where the Board gave the blessing to investigate further. The size and geographical location of our district provides us with many residential challenges, and this service will help us get a solid handle on residency issues. The first year with the company is also the most expensive with subsequent years' expenses being reduced by one-third or more moving forward. Our initial approximation is that we could spend upwards of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in year one with the screening of all students. Dr. Gresham stated that we want to educate the students of our district but feels that we have the right and obligation to protect ourselves from students and families that do not legitimately live in our district. The Committee was in favor of continuing to explore this service to ensure students being educated in the district are residents of the district.


Dr. Gresham distributed preliminary referendum documents to the Committee for discussion including a quick overview document, a reference fact sheet, a FAQ page, a meeting schedule, and in-depth slide presentation. Dr. Gresham asked the Committee members to review and provide feedback, comments, and recommendation.

Non Agenda:
None

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.



Mike Vollmer, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Mr. Lonnie Catterall