

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held at Limestone Community High School, District 310, on Tuesday, April 3, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Mike Vollmer the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Other Members Present: Mr. Jim Bainter

Administrators Present: Dr. Allan Gresham; and Dr. Denise Ryder

Other Audience Present: Mrs. Jeri Look; and Mr. Dave Pistorius

Dr. Gresham reviewed the district revenue challenges we have experienced recently. Discussions began back at the September meeting about these challenges, and we have explored many different avenues to address our concerns both by ways to increases revenues and controlling costs. Mr. Dave Pistorius from First Midstate presented a preliminary report of bonding information to the Committee for review. He reviewed district EAV figures, the working cash fund bond potential available to the district, and the complete bonding process cycle. Financial information was presented with a change in the bonding structure, reducing the three-year payoff cycle to two years and increasing the tax rate an additional \$0.25-0.27 cents over current bond tax rates. This would provide the district with the additional revenue needed to meet our current financial needs. Our current three-year bonding strategy is not meeting our current financial needs and is falling short by approximately \$650,000. While this will increase revenue, the district is also exploring many cost-cutting measures to curb the current deficit difficulties, particularly in the Education Fund. Other considerations discussed by the Finance Committee were a potential Education Fund Referendum and the potential of a legislative property tax freeze which would eliminate our ability to increase revenue moving forward if such legislation would happen. After much discussion among the committee members and questions for Mr. Pistorius, the Finance Committee decided to move this issue to the full Board for its consideration.

Dr. Gresham distributed cost estimates for the Air Conditioning Project for review discussion. This item comes to us from the Building Committee who has been working on an Air Conditioning project plan. At this time we have a plan in place as far as what an Air Conditioning system would look like in our building and its projected cost to the district. The cost estimates were provided from our architectural firm apaceDesign. The proposal that apaceDesign provided still had some unanswered questions associated with it. The administration has done their best to put a dollar amount to those unanswered questions and come up with our best estimate to an overall cost to the project. The financing issues is now being turned over to the Finance Committee for its consideration. With current district financial difficulties and the uncertainty in final yearly amounts the district will receive in school facility sales tax, the Finance Committee recommends that this issue be tabled until more up-to-date facility sales tax revenue information is available.

Dr. Ryder distributed a cost analysis on credit card fees. The district incurred over \$9,000 in credit card fees by using RevTrak last year; most of the credit card transactions are associated with deposits to student lunch accounts (Food Service). The proposal was made to defer fees


associated with Food Service transactions by implementing a \$1.75 convenience fee per online Food Service transaction. The convenience fee would not apply to other online credit card orders *not* containing Food Service codes; examples include book and other course fees, yearbooks, credit recovery, etc.

Non Agenda:
None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.



Mike Vollmer, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Lonnie Catterall