

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held at Limestone Community High School, District 310, on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Mike Vollmer the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

Committee Members Present: Mr. Mike Vollmer

Committee Members Absent: Mr. Lonnie Catterall

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

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

In 2014 USAC (Universal Service Administrative Co) announced Category 2 E-Rate funding grants to establish, maintain, and upgrade internal connections and managed broadband services. At that time, LCHS was approved to receive \$126,000 in grant funding for a total project cost exceeding \$158,000. In 2015, Heart Technologies performed wireless infrastructure upgrades to add mobile access points to the building. The total for the project was \$142,000 with \$106,000 received in reimbursement. USAC has announced that 2019-2020 will be the final year of grant funding opportunities and LCHS has a little over \$19,000 reimbursement available for a minimum project of \$28,000. Mr. Frederick, Network Specialist, has proposed a project that would replace the core network switch, 3 intermediary distribution switches, including cabling and labor from Heart Technologies for \$37,426. \$19,000 of this project will be funded through E-Rate funding and the remaining balance will be funded through Lease Purchase levy. The Building Committee agreed to move to this to the November 27, 2018 Board meeting for approval.

As a result of previous BOE discussions, Dr. Gresham presented the Committee with a tentative working cash bond payment schedule. The additional funding from the Evidence Based Funding Model has allowed us to reduce our Working Cash Bonding and we are currently considering a two-year bond issuance that would revert the district back to a bond payment level on the levy of approximately \$0.50. This level of bonding will put us back on track of revenues being approximately \$1,333,000, which would continue to meet the needs of the deficits in our Education, Building, and Transportation funds for this year. This issuance would be approximately \$2,205,000 with our estimated decrease in EAV of 1.7% for the 2019 levy. We will have a bond resolution to approve for this issuance at our December BOE meeting and First MidState will be here that evening to assist us with the process

Dr. Ryder distributed tax calculations for the 2018 Levy. Mr. Dave Ryan from the Peoria County Tax Assessor's office predicts a 1.7% decrease EAV for the next levy cycle. As always, we levy to the maximum in the rate dependent fund and as needed to cover expenses in the levy dependent funds. The Committee discussed the decrease in Debt Service tax rate with the addition of money received from Evidence Based Funding model. By utilizing existing fund balances in the other levy dependent funds of IMRF, Tort, and SS/Medicare, the district can lower the tax rate slightly as well. The Committee discussed the overall tax rate decreases and related Working Cash funding balance strategies. The Board will finalize discussions on the 2018 levy at the November 27, 2018 Board meeting.

From our previous BOE discussions, we all agreed to try to run our Education Fund Referendum again in April 2019. In order to make that happen we will need to pass a BOE resolution at our December meeting which will give the Election Commission our intent to run an Education Fund Referendum. The Committee discussed the level of Education Fund levy increase the district would be seeking. There will be a full discussion on the appropriate level of Education fund

Non Agenda:

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.



Mike Vollmer, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Bob Neal