

**MINUTES**  
**LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #120**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022, 4:15 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Matt Merboth, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:24 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Matt Merboth, Mrs. Carol Alcorn and Mrs. Taliani

ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

REVIEW/APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn to approve the meeting minutes from September 26, 2022, Committee Meeting as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Dr. Wroblewski presented the Revenue and Expenditure report, we are currently 25% through the year. Mrs. Whalen discussed Cash and Investments as of September 30, 2022, Investment Accounts, and the Cash Flow Statement with nothing out of the ordinary. Mrs. Whalen introduced and presented additional financial reports of Payroll Distribution and Summary of ACH Transactions for July, August, and September 2022.

ESSER III RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Wroblewski and Mrs. Whalen presented the ESSER III District Plan. Project allocations are designated for Learning loss, Summer enrichment, After School, and Learning loss (federal set-aside). The grant allows districts to supplant existing salaries of staff supporting students' SEL needs freeing up local dollars that would normally go toward salaries and benefits – which are being use to address objectives in the 120 Promise. Examples include, updating the District's fleet of vehicles, property acquisition, and parking lot lights. The grant period extends through September 30, 2024.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE ESSER III RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Taliani to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the ESSER III Recommendations as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mr. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

WORKING CASH BOND AUTHORIZATION DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Wroblewski and Mrs. Whalen revisited the financing proposal from Mr. John Vezzetti, Vice President of Bernardi Securities, on issuing working cash bonds as a funding source to fulfill the 2022-2026 strategic plan objectives. Bond Series 2019 will be paid off in December 2022 and electing to issue bonds will generate and increase the funds to complete various projects while not raising taxes.

HOWARD FELLOWS STADIUM PROJECT RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Wroblewski updated the Finance Committee on lack of existing resources to phase in the project while retaining a reserve. Probable cost of project is 2 million. Dr. Wroblewski revisited the financing proposal

from Bernardi Securities with the Finance Committee and recommended the sale of working cash bonds for funding. The Committee agreed concrete repairs/restorations are necessary to maintain the use and prestige of the stadium. Dr. Wroblewski will provide prioritized outline to the Finance Committee for further consideration and present a final prioritization list at next month's meeting.

#### AUDITORIUM STAIRWELL REPAIR PROPOSALS/RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Wroblewski updated the Finance Committee on proposals received for stairwell repairs and installation of Acrovyn (Acrovyn is non-porous, durable, and interconnects the rest of building). Water damage to stairwell occurred because of a leaking AC unit. Solicited three proposals: Tieman Builders, Inc. submitted a proposal for \$24,200 and H&H Builders, Inc. for \$31,500. Liebhart Construction did not respond. Recommendation to accept proposal from Tieman Builders, Inc. for \$24,200 for repairs project.

#### ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE TIEMAN BUILDERS, INC. FOR AUDITORIUM STAIRWELL REPAIR PROJECT FOR \$24,200

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani seconded by Mrs. Alcorn to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve Tieman Builders for Auditorium Stairwell Repair Project for as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Merboth Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

#### SCHOOL FLEET PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Wroblewski and Mrs. Whalen updated the Finance Committee on the recommendation to purchase three vehicles. Two (2) maintenance pick-up trucks from Bill Walsh Coronet in Peru, 2021 Chevrolet Silverado, Cost \$47,469.24 each. One (1) driver's education vehicle from Shimmer Ford in Peru, 2023 Hyundai Sonata SE, Cost \$27,914.24 (does not include trade-in value of our driver's education vehicle). All vehicles contain warranty plans.

#### ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE SCHOOL FLEET PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION AS PRESENTED

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn seconded by Mrs. Taliani to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve School Fleet Purchase Recommendation as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

#### REVIEW PROPOSAL FOR L-P ALUM DONATION

Dr. Wroblewski presented the Finance Committee with a proposal for Mr. Tom Kowalski, L-P Class of 1957, with recommendations and supporting documents that align with the District 120 Promise/Strategic Plan, 2020-2026. Mr. Kowalski generously offered financial support for academic programs and enhancements. Summary of projects include the purchase of a Haas CNC Vertical Machining Center for our Machine Tech program, Implement Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science Program, Hire a full-time work-based Learning Coordinator, Overhaul of the Residential Wiring Program/Adding renewable Energy and Digital Electronics, and Distance-learning Equipment to support partnership with IVCC. The proposal will be mailed to Mr. Kowalski on October 20, 2022. Targeting a final recommendation at the December Regular Board meeting.

L-P SPORTS COMPLEX PHASE II UPDATE

Dr. Wroblewski updated the Finance Committee on the first Design Meeting held last week, October 12th; attendees were Dr. Wroblewski, Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Mr. Mike Kmetz, Mr. Joseph Schuit, and Baseball, Softball, Soccer, and Tennis coaches. The meeting centered on dreams/wish lists. Mr. Kmetz and Mr. Schuit will be assessing suggestions, while Dr. Wroblewski, Mrs. Whalen, and Mr. John Vezzetti determine financing options and prioritization. Recommendations will be presented in December.

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn to adjourn. **All in favor. Time 5:22 p.m.**



Mr. Matt Merboth  
Committee Chair



Mrs. Jennifer Riva  
Board Secretary