

**MINUTES  
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #120  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022, 4:15 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Matt Merboth, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Matt Merboth and Mrs. Taliani

ABSENT: Mrs. Alcorn arrived at 4:20 p.m.

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

REVIEW/APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 17, 2022, AND NOVEMBER 14, 2022, COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the meeting minutes from October 17, 2022, and November 14, 2022, Committee Meeting as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Dr. Wrobleski presented the Revenue and Expenditure report, we are currently 41.67% through the fiscal year. Budget and expenses on target. Mrs. Whalen discussed Cash and Investments as of November 30, 2022, Investment Accounts, and the Cash Flow Statement with nothing out of the ordinary. November is always the highest disbursement month. Discussed line-item Hometown Bond Series 2020 line-item; will be making final payment and account will be closing. Ending balance will be transferred to investment account in January.

TAX YEAR 2022 LEVY FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 – FINAL REVIEW:

Dr. Wrobleski presented the official tax levy packet to the Finance Committee. Levy results in a .03 cent tax rate decrease for school year 2023-2024 (from 2.59 to 2.56) and will generate an additional \$752,389 in revenue. Truth in taxation hearing required and to be held on December 21, 2022.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE TAX YEAR 2022 LEVY FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 FINAL REVIEW AS PRESENTED

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Taliani to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve the Tax Year 2022 Levy for School Year 2023-2024 – Final Review as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mr. Taliani, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

L-P SPORTS COMPLEX PHASE II – FINAL RECOMMENDATION/TIPS PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

Dr. Wrobleski shared final renderings with the Finance Committee for the baseball/softball fields, soccer field, and tennis courts, and Mr. Sarver's suggestion to include a sound system for the JV field for hosting tournaments. All members agreed. Dr. Wrobleski will discuss to include addition with Byrne and Jones Construction. Multipurpose concession building (ticket booth, bathrooms, 3 press boxes for each field and storage), press boxes to be bid out separately – cost 1-1.5 million. Two options for existing tennis courts – patch/repair courts and fence posts or Byrne and Jones Construction strip the courts to ensure unified color and rebuild posts to proper depth. Cost not including fencing, \$800,000, Kmetz Architects to submit HLS. Byrne and Jones Construction Enterprises Inc will hire local contractors for all groundwork. Discussed partnership with ACC/students for landscaping around fields and to build/install additional

seating and organization units for equipment in home dugouts. Further discussions to be had regarding donation wall, funding options for indoor batting cages, and donation of scoreboard and media stands. Total cost of renderings (excluding press boxes and existing tennis courts) \$7,866,000. Well within budget. Timeline 2023-2024 school year/sports seasons.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE L-P SPORTS COMPLEX PHASE II – FINAL RECOMMENDATION/TIPS PURCHASING COOPERATIVE AS PRESENTED

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve L-P Sports Complex Phase II – Final Review/TIPS Purchasing Cooperative as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

SERIES 2023 – FINAL REVIEW

Dr. Wroblewski shared the Bond Issuance Notification Act (BINA) Hearing will be held on December 21, 2022, with further discussion in January.

1 CENT SALES TAX DISCUSSION

Dr. Wroblewski and the Finance Committee discussed the LaSalle County School Facilities Sales Tax packet from ROE/county superintendents meeting about reinstating the .01 cent sales tax and the impact on local schools. Potential revenue could be used to abate debt services. Revenue generated would be distributed equally by student allocation. L-P potential revenue of 1 million – could be used to abate debt service tax rate/replace the five-cent tax levy. Mrs. Taliani and Mrs. Alcorn shared concerns of timing with inflation and hardships on community members. 56% of counties in Illinois have passed the 1 cent sales tax. Point of discussion for 2024 election.

OTHER

Dr. Wroblewski and Mrs. Whalen updated the Finance Committee on their recent meeting with Aflac Aflac Insurance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to adjourn. **All in favor. Time 5:14 p.m.**



Mr. Matt Merboth  
Committee Chair



Mrs. Jennifer Riva  
Board Secretary