

**MINUTES
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #120
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021, 4:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Matt Merboth, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Matt Merboth, Chair, and Mrs. Sally Taliani

BY ZOOM ACCESS: Mrs. Carol Alcorn

ABSENT: None

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

REVIEW/APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 19, 2021 COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth to approve the meeting minutes from April 19, 2021 Committee meeting as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Wroblewski presented the LPHS Revenue and Expenditure report, at this point we are 83.3% through the year. Mrs. Whalen discussed the Cash and Investments as of April 2021, Cash Flow Statement, and the Investment Accounts. Nothing out of the ordinary.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE OF THE MAY 2021 FINANCIALS REPORT AS PRESENTED

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve of the May 2021 financials as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

FY 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT REVIEW

Dr. Wroblewski and Mrs. Whalen presented the FY21 Amended Budget. Mrs. Whalen reviewed and compared both the proposed Budget Summary and the Amended Budget Summary with the committee.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE OF THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR 2020-2021 AS PRESENTED

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Taliani to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve of the Amended Budget for 2020-2021 as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth and Mrs. Taliani. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

FINAL LEVY EXTENSION

Dr. Wroblewski and Mrs. Whalen discussed the 2020 tax year final levy for FY 2022. The final EAV came in lower, resulting in the tax rate remaining flat. The committee discussed the District's Extension Summary.

EBC HEALTH INSURANCE RATES FOR 2021-2022

Mr. Wroblewski updated the committee on the Health Insurance Rates not increasing for the 2021-2022 school year.

PSIC RENEWAL RATES FOR 2021-2022

Dr. Wroblewski updated the committee on the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative property casualty cost-2020-2021 was \$88,400 and 2021-2022 will be \$109,106 (23% increase). Discussed the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative Workers' Compensation cost- 2020-2021 was \$96,913 and 2021-2022 will be \$96,579, with no increase. The overall increase is 11%.

ROE FUNDING REQUEST- FOLLOW-UP

Dr. Wroblewski updated the committee on the ROE funding request that was discussed last month. ROE is requesting ESSER II funds be allocated to the ROE for their programs, re-engagement and outreach services for your students in our district. The committee discussed the funding and agreed to recommend an allocation of \$22,000. Once the ROE has begun their programs the committee will review for allocating additional funding.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE OF THE ROE FUNDING REQUEST AT \$22,000. AS PRESENTED

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve of the ROE Funding request at \$22,000. as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth and Mrs. Alcorn. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

SUMMER HELP PAY INCREASE- PHASE IN RECOMMENDATION TO \$15.00/ HOUR

Dr. Wroblewski discussed the mandated \$15.00 per hour minimum wage. Recommending a 4-year ramp-up plan with .31 cents for 3 years and the 4th year at .32 cents. Mr. Kowalczyk will only need one summer help employee for some painting that needs to be done.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE OF THE SUMMER HELP PAY INCREASE -PHASE IN AS PRESENTED

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve of the Summer Help pay increase-phase in as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

EXTERNAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY INCREASE RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Wroblewski discussed increasing the Substitute Teachers pay from \$15.00 period to \$18.00 beginning 2021-2022.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE OF THE EXTERNAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY INCREASE AS PRESENTED

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve of the external substitute teacher pay increase as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

EXTERNAL SUBSTITUTE PARA PAY INCREASE RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Wroblewski discussed the required \$15.00 per hour minimum wage. Discussed the 4-year plan with \$1.00 increase per year over 4-years with year 2024-2025 at minimum wage.

ACCEPT TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE OF THE EXTERNAL SUBSTITUTE PARA PAY INCREASE RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn to accept to recommend the Board of Education approve of the external substitute Para pay increase recommendations as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn and Mr. Merboth. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried.**

OTHER

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth to adjourn. All in favor, Aye.

The motion carried. Time 5:31 p.m.

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Mr. Matt Merboth
Committee Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie Bleck", written over a horizontal line.

Julie Bleck
Board Secretary