

TROY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Budget & Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2020 – 6:30 PM
Troy Area School District – Community Room

The Budget & Finance Committee Meeting of the Troy Area School District Board of Education met on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, in the Community Room of the Troy Area School District Offices. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Martin at 6:34 PM.

Present:	Mrs. Angove	Mr. Dibble	Mrs. Ordway
	Mrs. Bohner	Mr. Martin	Mr. Roy
	Mr. Brasington	Mrs. Murray	

Absent: Mr. Curren

Others Present: Mr. Gobble, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Gilliland, Business Administrator; Mr. Blair, Maintenance Supervisor; Mr. Schwenk, Director of Support Services; Mr. Brenner, Jr/Sr. High School Principal (via zoom); Mr. Brion, Primary School Principal (via zoom); Mr. Imbt, Primary School Assistant Principal (via zoom); Mrs. Keating, Jr/Sr High School Assistant Principal (via zoom); Mr. Schrader, Director of Technology; Solicitor Cassandra Blaney (via zoom); as well as a district residents and staff.

Discussion:

Mrs. Gilliland presented the proposed 2020-2021 budget that included the changes since the April 29, 2020 budget, finance & transportation committee meeting. The proposed 2020/2021 final budget now includes total expenditures of \$26,899,375 and an overall operating loss of \$1,828,947. Budget changes since the April 29, 2020 meeting include eliminated an assistant football coach, eliminated the strength & conditioning coach, eliminated the web design positions, eliminated board member conferences, eliminated site improvement, and reduced various athletic supply budgeted items. Ipads for each paraprofessional were added and a \$20,000 transfer to food service. Mrs. Gilliland noted the \$1,828,947 operating loss still does not include a real estate tax increase. Mrs. Gilliland stated administration is not recommending a tax increase because of financial hardships Covid-19 has caused for many district families.

Mr. Roy asked if anything was included in the budget for the TECE athletics project. Mrs. Gilliland responded no.

Board members asked about the Alparon contract. Will the contract amount be changed if the district can only play a few games next school year? Does contract language allow for it? Mrs. Gilliland responded that she did not know. She will need to review the contract. Mr. Brasington stated the district would at least save on the utility bill.

Mr. Roy stated even if the Board raised taxes to the index the increase would still not cover the increase in salaries and benefits. Mrs. Gilliland replied that is correct.

Public Questions:

Ms. Valerie MacDougall asked did we discuss decreasing the coach's salaries? Mr. Gobble replied it was discussed but no changes were made to the budget for it.

Mrs. Micki Williams thanked the board for asking coaches for their input regarding the budget. Mrs. Williams noted each year the district has had excess funds. Those funds are to partially be
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used for rainy days. The Business Manager's recommendation was not to cut anything in the 2020/2021 school year because of the current fund balance. Mrs. William's recommended the board follow the business manager's recommendation. Administration does not know yet what the financial impact Covid-19 will have on the district. Consider giving it time before significant cuts that impact kids are made.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Dibble, seconded by Mrs. Bohner, the directors adjourned at 7:01 PM to the work session meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Gilliland
Board Secretary