



Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee

MEETING NOTES

November 27, 2018

6:00-7:30 p.m.

I.T. A & B Conference Room

Members present: Deirdre Aden-Smith, Cynthia Bernard, Kenneth Davis, Jacqueline Dowds-Bennett, Joseph Ford, Erin Hobson, Steve Kern, Bob Miner, Jane Morgan, Karen Petersilie, Ed Plute, Marc Sabin, Jay Smith, and Daniel Yaciuk

Members absent: Dana Barton, Jerry Carney, Jason Clemens, Stacey Fisher, Jess Kruckeberg, Chip MacEnulty, Jim Mahoney, Vickie Tonkins, and Debbie Williams

Guests: None

Ex-Officio members present: Glenn Gustafson and Amber Hickman

Preliminary Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Plute welcomed all and opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

2. Agenda

The committee reviewed this evenings' agenda and it was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the Meeting Notes

Dr. Plute called for a motion to approve the meeting notes from October 16th, and there were two revisions, one to change the title of #11 from "bi-ennial" to "bi/tri-ennial", and the second being to change the wording in the same section from "to look at the document, review, and recommend" to "to look at the document and make recommendations to the Board of Education". After such, the meeting notes were unanimously approved.

4. MLO Phase-In and Committee Progress

Dr. Plute reviewed the progress of the Committee for FY 18/19, and briefly spoke about the MLO financial transparency website. Dr. Plute then passed the floor to Mr. Gustafson to review and compare the old and new Phase-In Plans, which reflects the changes made through previous plan amendments.

5. Monthly Financial Statement Update

Mr. Gustafson explained the breakdown of the financial statement for October 2018. His explanation included low property taxes in beginning of fiscal year, and uncollectables/abatements. There were a couple of questions involving the difference between the 2000 PIPs 5A and 5B, and how flooding instances are being funded.

Action:

6. None

Non-Action Items:

7. Presentation: 2000 MLO PIP21A: Charter School

Mr. Gustafson presented # 7 and #8 together, refer to #8.

8. Presentation: 2000 MLO PIP 21B: Charter School

Mr. Gustafson started his presentation with a brief history of the PIP. Which included how this PIP was previously one, and is now split into two. The split was to accommodate the house bill, which requires the school district the allocate monies to charter schools on a plan or per pupil basis. We currently allocate to charter schools using both criteria. Mr. Gustafsons' presentation was followed with a question session, which included regulation of MLO money spending at charter schools, and the new charter school application.

9. Presentation: 2017 MLO PIP 1: Comprehensive Student Support (Update)

Mr. Gustafson started his presentation with the point that we went over this PIP last meeting and therefore we will only go over the detail today. Mr. Gustafson also explained how we do not allocate staff as MLO or general fund. We instead say that out of all the staff, there is a specific number of FTE that are MLO. Mr. Gustafson at that time went through the detail in which he provided, which broke down the total expenses for the PIP. Mr. Gustafson explained how this PIP is over budget and that was to be expected, the general fund will pick up the rest. He wanted to show that we are spending the MLO monies as intended. Mr. Gustafsons' presentation was followed with a question about how we compare to other districts in this area.

10. Presentation: 2017 MLO PIP 10: Debt Redemption

Mr. Gustafson started his presentation with the original intention of the PIP, which was to put a large sum of money into the bank. The money in the bank would grow in value and we would be able to use the grown monies to pay off the bond debt. But this year the Board of Education lowered the bond levy to reduce the tax burden for citizens, and in return this has caused us to pay the bond or default. We will therefore have to pay six million toward the bond this year. Mr. Gustafson explained how we will be able to raise the bond levy and we will be able to get back to not having to spend the bond monies as intended.

11. Discussion: MLO Committee Charge

Dr. Plute discussed the process in which every member sitting on the committee went through, and we can therefore assume that members want to be here. Dr. Plute handed out the committee charge, as a reminder of ones' responsibility. Dr. Plute concluded with an appreciation of ones' presence and time commitment.

12. Discussion: Absence Policy

Dr. Plute discussed that we do not have an absence policy and when people do not show up consistently, we will reach out and see if they are still interested. The goal is to keep members, and we understand there are instances in which one cannot be present. Mr. Gustafson then discussed how since the committee was originally implemented there have been 4-5 new additions which has fully depleted our pool of possible applicants. Moving forward, if we lose any more members we will have to search for new applicants.

13. Update: MLO Request for Proposal (RFP)

Mr. Gustafson started this update with the statement that things are moving very fast. He briefly went over the RFP and the possibility of and/or bids. After the extended bid deadline there are 4 companies that have placed bids, and soon we will need the sub-committee to evaluate, select and recommend to the Board of Education. The update was followed with a question session which included if the schedule is still the same, and how will the RFP align with the new strategic plan, if the new strategic plan is not developed yet.

14. Future Agenda Items

2000 MLO PIPs

Adjournment:

Dr. Plute reminded the committee that the next meeting is on Tuesday December 18th and we adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Future Meetings:

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 in the Administration Building's Boardroom 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 in the Administration Building's Boardroom 6:00 p.m.