

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2014

6:30 p.m.

Present: Charlie Handy, David Spann Absent: Terri Worth

Also Present: Marica Cullen

Discussion:

1. Fiscal Year 2014 Balance Review – Mr. Handy asked the superintendent to provide the committee with a review of current fund balances for both revenues and expenditures. State funding payments have continued to accelerate in receipt time which has left the District fund balances in much better shape than a year ago. Expenditures are still approximately 4% below projections; however, June often contains larger expenses for maintenance and facilities improvement projects. Overall, it appears the District will meet the Board's expectations of delivering a balanced or small surplus budget for FY14. Mr. Handy and Mr. Spann approved a summary fund balance tool for Board member use in reviewing District financial reports.
2. Projected FY 15 Funding – Senator Manar's Funding Reform bill was not passed by the House. However, it is expected to return in the Fall Veto Session. The state FY15 budget has flat general state aid projections with an expected continuing proration of 11-12%. North Mac's consolidation incentive money ends in FY14, leaving a \$640,000 budget shortfall to be planned for in creating the final FY15 budget. Mr. Handy and Mr. Spann continue to stress the importance to building a minimum 15% fund balance reserve in order to secure the financial security of the District moving forward.
3. Planning – Mr. Handy reviewed the projected lease costs of purchase of two new school buses. He and Mr. Spann approved the purchase for consideration of the full Board at the June 2014 Regular meeting. The superintendent provided recommendations for exempt personnel and administrative staff raises for FY15. Committee members gave approval to bring those recommendations to the full Board for consideration at the June meeting. Mr. Spann discussed the need to plan for and secure funding to build a new school to house all District students between the communities of Girard and Virden. Mr. Handy supported the idea. Conversation and planning should continue with the full Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.