

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD  
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093  
FINANCE & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 2022  
5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL: (5:34) p.m.**

Mr. Welch called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Mr. Welch, Mr. Zeidler, Ms. Alpert Knight

Absent: None

Also Present: Mr. Spaan, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Beerheide,  
Mr. Dreher, Mr. Newman, Mr. Shaw, Dr. Stange

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**2.1 Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting – April 12, 2022**

Ms. Alpert Knight moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 Finance/Facilities Committee meeting. Mr. Zeidler seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**4.1. GDI Services, Inc. Contract**

Mr. Beerheide reviewed the contract with GDI Services, Inc. for night custodial services at Middlefork and Sunset Ridge Schools. He proposed reducing the GDI contract by one (1) employee and internally hiring the position to provide direct supervision of the night custodial staff. He noted the concerns with the recommendation including finding an internal employee, procuring a substitute in case of an absence, the increased insurance liability in case of an injury, and expected increased costs. The Committee recommended exploring the idea with GDI, but several committee members indicated concerns with this approach.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.1. FY 2022 Audit Presentation**

Mr. Beerheide introduced Donald Shaw from Lauterbach & Amen who conducted the 2022 District 29 financial audit. Mr. Shaw highlighted that the core finding of a “Clean and Unmodified Opinion” meaning that no issues or concerns were identified with internal controls of the financial data reviewed. He reviewed the financial summary data for each of the District’s funds. He highlighted a new state requirement for financial reporting of subscriptions.

**5.2. Safety and Security**

Mr. Beerhiede reviewed the District’s efforts to address recommendations from the external safety and security audit including, ingress/egress improvements, video surveillance improvements, and signage improvements. He noted that the District is currently seeking pricing quotes on these items.

**5.3. Middlefork School Facilities Improvements**

Dr. Stange reviewed the parameters that must guide any improvements to the Middlefork School facilities. He shared various options to address potential increases in enrollment (e.g., permanent additions to the school, portable classrooms, increased class sizes). Mr. Beerheide shared the Middlefork School property site plan and limits on permanent construction related to the flood plain. He then reviewed the costs of utilizing portable classroom facilities on a temporary basis. Committee members requested more information on enrollment projections in the District prior to making any decisions regarding capital improvements at Middlefork School.

**5.4. 2022 Tentative Levy**

Mr. Beerheide reviewed his proposal to follow the District's historic pattern of requesting the maximum levy allowed by law. Mr. Welch stated that, given the current financial state of the country, it was hard for him to support requesting the maximum levy allowed by law. Mr. Zeidler stated that he believed that the reason that the District was able to build the new school was because it levied the maximum amount allowed by law, and that he supported the recommendation. Mr. Spaan and Mr. Subeck made statements in support of requesting the maximum levy allowed by law.

**5.5. Investment Portfolio**

Mr. Beerheide reviewed the District's Investment Portfolio.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**6.1 Next Meeting: January 17, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidler and seconded by Ms. Alpert Knight to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. All were in favor.



Chairperson, Finance/Facilities Committee



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 17 January, 2023