Finance Subcommittee Report

Date: January 13, 2016  
Committee: Finance Committee  
Chair: John Morang  
In attendance: Kate Brown, John Morang, Michelle Ritcheson and Edward R. McDonough  
Meeting Date: December 9, 2015

Agenda Items and Discussion:

Review of 2016/2017 Pro-forma Budget:  
Superintendent McDonough presented the pro-forma budget showing an increase of $1,004,364, which is a 3.41% increase over the previous year. This turn-key increase figure includes bringing on the first principal and interest payment for the FHS Addition & Renovation project, negotiated wage and benefit increases, contractual increases in transportation, heating, electricity, water/sewer, as well as anticipated increases in books, supplies, equipment, and insurance. The Superintendent and Director of Finance will be meeting with Administrator’s in December to hear building/department requests. The Superintendent will present his recommended budget to the Board at the January 27, 2016 meeting.

3-5 year Financial Plan Review:  
Director of Finance presented the revised 3-5-year Financial plan. The Finance Committee reviewed and discussed the plan. There was concern that five year projections were stretching too far into the unknown for revenues and expenditures. It was decided to cut the plan back to three year projections with the expectation that it will be updated annually. Revisions will be made and plan will be scheduled for final review at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Miscellaneous:  
Director of Finance reported that RSU5 had received the debt service schedule showing the payments necessary for the FHS Renovation and Addition bond. There is an interest only payment due on May 1 in the amount of $297,212. The actual amount due is in excess of the amount projected during the 2015/2016 budget process by $77,642. Kelly will monitor the accounts within that article and come back to the Finance Committee if she feels a transfer from Contingency will be needed to cover this expense.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2016 – postponed to January 27, 2016

Submitted by: Kelly Wentworth, Director of Finance