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Finance Budget/Facilities Workshop
Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Place & Time: CBR, 5:30pm

Committee Liaison: Steve Pottieger

Meeting Summary

Attendees: Mr. Boyer, Mr. Cafoncelli, Mr. Scoboria

Board Attendees: Mr. Hershey, Mrs. Harenza, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Waxler

Public Attendees: None.

Workshop called to order at 5:30pm

Topics covered/reviewed:

Mr. Cafoncelli reviewed change orders for the renovation project. He discussed five change orders for Uhrig Construction which will be at zero cost due to price allowances in the contract. There was also a \$181,024 credit which is also due to an error in allowances and liquidated damage settlement. Three change orders from Perrotto Builders were also discussed. The total of the change orders is \$31,301.06. Mr. Cafoncelli is recommending approval of the change orders at the Board Meeting on November 13, 2023.

Mr. Cafoncelli reviewed three items related to capital projects. The JSHS HVAC repair is recommended for action on November 13th. Two other items, HVAC and JSHS Auditorium lighting were reviewed. These items will return for additional discussion.

Mr. Boyer reviewed three Items. One is a resolution that will name the County of Berks Tax Claim Bureau as the District's delinquent real estate tax collector. The current collector, ENM Law, is retiring and will no longer be collecting delinquent real estate taxes. The second item is a staffing agreement for a Certified Nursing Assistant that is needed for a student's specific health needs. The third item was an agreement with the Spy Glass Group to review our technology contract, such as cellular, VOIP, and internet providers. There is no charge to the District for this review. The only charge would be if there is savings found after the review, at which it is a 50/50 split between Spy Glass and the District.

Mr. Scoboria then reviewed the Community Eligibility Provisions (CEP) program that could allow the District to provide universal free lunch and breakfast. The District does qualify for the program, but more research and analysis needs to be done to ensure that the District will not be

receiving less reimbursement and revenue than what is currently being received. Currently the District provides universal free breakfast through PA Department of Education's free breakfast initiative. There will be another update in March once the District has gathered more information on the program.

Mr. Boyer then covered the Act 1 exceptions that the District could qualify for. The Act 1 index is currently at 5.3%. The District qualifies for the Special Education and Retirement Exception. Mr. Boyer reviewed the additional tax revenue that could be received if the District would enact the exceptions. Mr. Boyer explained that if the District were to accept the exceptions, a preliminary budget would need to be made available to the public by January 4th. If the District were to opt out of the exceptions and accept the Act 1 index as the highest increase that taxes can be raised, the District will not need to accelerate the budget process and will look to approve a preliminary budget in May of 2024. The recommendation of attending Board Members was to add a resolution to the November 13, 2023 agenda stating WASD will stay within Act 1 index and not pursue exceptions.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 6:19pm

Respectfully submitted by: Mr. Boyer