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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, June 23, 2024
5:30 PM – Budget Hearing
HC Administration Building
7454 B Drive North, Battle Creek, MI 49014

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bess at 5:30 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Bess led the Pledge, followed by a moment of silence.
- III. Roll Call: Present – Mrs. Allwardt, Mr. Bess, Mr. Halverson, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Waterson. Absent – Mrs. Risner.
- IV. Review and Approval of Agenda: There were no modifications to the agenda.
- V. Public Budget Presentation
 - A. 2024-2025 Budget Amendment: Mrs. Obermyer discussed the 2024-2025 final budget update. Mrs. Obermyer highlighted the following revenue changes. Locally, the change was due to the estimated child care revenue and interest income. State changes to revenue included enrollment stabilization, transportation costs grant, Special Ed. Prior-year adjustment, and miscellaneous grants (ins and outs). Federal revenue changes were miscellaneous grants (ins and outs). Also, Special Ed. Adjustments to the actual revenue. Mrs. Obermyer discussed the expense changes. The retirement cost came in at a better percentage, business services for 3% repayment to employees +FICA+RET. Mrs. Obermyer stated that maintenance and operations savings were achieved through a spending freeze and reduction in custodial supplies, and utilities monitoring and adjustment. Transportation also had a spending freeze, resulting in expense changes in budgeted bus runs and less fuel and maintenance. Technology saw a revenue change with grant funds moved to next year, and athletics had miscellaneous adjustments. Lastly, expense changes were noted by Mrs. Obermyer in the Before and After Care program.

B. 2025-2026 Budget: Mrs. Obermyer presented the 2025-2026 Original Budget. Mrs. Obermyer listed assumptions and adjustments to the budget. Assumptions include Foundation Allowance at \$10,000, student count at 2,710 FTE, retirement revenue and expense at the same percentage, insurance estimated at 8% increase, At-Risk and Transportation grants at the same rate as the previous budget, and new Special Ed. CISD indirect rate of 10.44%. Adjustments include nine positions decreased through attrition, as well as a 5% decrease in supply budgets for Transportation, Technology, and Maintenance.

VI. Comments From the Audience: There were no comments from the audience.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.

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