

## **Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 21, 2023, 6:00 pm**

**Board Room**

The Budget & Finance Committee met in the board room for a public meeting on March 21, 2023. The meeting started at 6:01 P.M.

Committee members in attendance: Mark Carpenter, Joseph Ross, Michael Mould, Robert Minick and Keith Glynn.

Guests: None

Public in attendance: Three members of the public attended this meeting

Committee discussed topics related to:

### 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget

- Mr. Glynn provided presentation on the preliminary budget that highlighted a potential scenario where taxes were raised to the Act 1 index and additional state revenue was at a minimum. The budget was built on a needs basis with additional wants presented to the Committee.
  - Mr. Ross requested that the administration use Municibid for want items such as bleachers and maintenance equipment.
  - The Committee directed Mr. Glynn to review potential increases in the substitute teacher rate and the potential financial impact of such increases.
  - The Committee was informed that building principals and department supervisors would be invited to the next meeting to provide background on budget investments.
  - Mr. Ross requested a tax scenario where the increase levied is done at a minimal while allowing no county tax rate to decrease.
  - Due to the detail of the presentation and the level of discussion around the slides, the Business Manager requests that anyone seeking additional information on the presentation schedule time with him to review the presentation during normal business hours of Monday to Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.. Please contact the administrative offices to schedule an appointment.

### Project Financing

- In response to the financing requests of the Building and Grounds Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee reviewed funding options for four projects, including High School HVAC, Wellness Center, Elementary Playground and Gym flooring.
- Mr. Glynn presented bond financing options provided by Raymond James that covered \$2 million, \$4 million and \$6 million issuance options with variance length and funding alternatives.
- The Committee recommended the funding of the Playground through assigned fund balance, the gym floors through operating budget or unassigned fund balance and the

further review of assigned fund balance and bond financing options for the Wellness Center and HVAC replacement.

#### Executive Session

- An executive session was held from approximately 7:30 P.M. to 7:59 P.M. to discuss personnel and bus contractor negotiations as they relate to the 2023-24 General Operating Budget.

#### Public Comment

- Public posed questions through the meeting.
  - o Mr. Joseph Strauch, Clinton Township – requested clarification on the personnel discussion as it pertains to adherence to the Sunshine Act.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

# LACKAWANNA TRAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Debt Service Requirement Study

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### Summary of Financing Options

#### 20 Year Level Scenarios

Financing Amount	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 6,000,000
Financing Term	20 Years	20 Years	20 Years
Total D/S Repayment	\$ 3,063,425	\$ 6,012,781	\$ 8,965,228
Approximate Annual Debt Service	\$ 477,219	\$ 630,632	\$ 779,076
Total Budget Increase (\$)	\$ 155,909	\$ 309,322	\$ 457,765
Total Budget Increase (%)	1.81%	3.60%	5.32%

#### 25 Year Level Scenarios

Financing Amount	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 6,000,000
Financing Term	25 Years	25 Years	25 Years
Total D/S Repayment	\$ 3,397,525	\$ 6,679,494	\$ 9,959,669
Approximate Annual Debt Service	\$ 459,444	\$ 595,282	\$ 725,782
Total Budget Increase (\$)	\$ 138,134	\$ 273,972	\$ 404,472
Total Budget Increase (%)	1.61%	3.19%	4.70%

#### Wrap Scenarios

Financing Amount	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 6,000,000
Financing Term	17 Years	22 Years	25 Years
Total D/S Repayment	\$ 3,302,253	\$ 7,185,456	\$ 11,156,456
Approximate Annual Debt Service	\$ 423,063	\$ 503,282	\$ 608,257
Total Budget Increase (\$)	\$ 101,753	\$ 181,972	\$ 286,947
Total Budget Increase (%)	1.18%	2.12%	3.34%

Notes: Indicative interest rates as of 3/21/2023, preliminary and subject to change with market conditions.