

WEST GEAUGA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Finance Committee Meeting Friday, January 22, 2010 7:30 a.m.

In Attendance: Bill Beers, Chairperson/President of the Board; Anthony Podojil, Superintendent; Michele Tullai, Treasurer; Michael Kilroy, Board Member; Patricia Wright, WGEA and Community Member;

Board Service Fund

Treasurer Tullai explained that ORC states the Board may spend two dollars for each child enrolled, or twenty thousand dollars, whichever is greater. January – December 2009, \$3,572.60 was spent.

Current enrollment x \$2.00 - \$4,686.

Revised Tax Resolution from County Auditor

The County Auditor has issued a revised tax rate resolution for tax year 2009 (collection in 2010).

The Auditor looked at all bond issues and adjusted rates to reflect current valuations. Our rate dropped from 3.00 to 2.29 mills. The last payment on the bond issue is Nov. 2012, which is fiscal year 2013. According to the Auditor's office CY 2012 should be the last year this millage is included in tax bills.

TPP

The Tangible Personal Property tax we received in November 2009, which was \$33,334.78 more than the Treasurer's estimate is all delinquent taxes. We cannot anticipate this in the future.

Budgets for FY 11

Treasurer Tullai explained the building budgets are based on a per student amount and recommended that a discussion be held regarding reducing budget allowances for FY 11 to all budgets (not just buildings). Dr. Podojil stated the budgets were reduced about 7 years ago. Discussion ensued with a suggested 5% reduction in all budgets, with the caveat that there are costs that are not able to be reduced (required special education programs, etc). Mr. Beers asked that the District review the Special Education costs as they are a large portion of the budget.

Transportation Lease

Superintendent Podojil stated three prosecuting attorney's are involved in the lease negotiations for the transportation facility. Mr. Beers requested he provide timelines on the lease arrangement.

VOIP

Superintendent Podojil and Mr. Canepa attended a VOIP meeting yesterday. We are part of a consortium with 15 organizations vying for stimulus dollars. The applications are due by the middle of February and Districts that are chosen will know by mid March. Awards will be made in June. We have budgeted \$220,000 out of PI funds for the project. The stimulus dollars

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require a 20% match and cover connections and servers. There may be other grant money available for phone equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 a.m.