

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**MINUTES****WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

January 25, 2012 12:00 PM Administration Office- Conference Rm.

Start Time: 12:00PM

Present

Craig West, Glenn Poirier, Jonathan Lawton, Carl Chambers, Marcia Newcomb, Chris Morral, Steve Adams, Pat Hewitt, David Krick, Bryan Murphy, Mike Pietropola, Amy Repard, Scott Keck
Public- John Peropat, Wayne Hackett, Scott Rogers

Agenda

- 1- Scott Rogers, CPA, Allen, Rogers, & Osgood- Review of 2010-2011 Audit Report
- 2- GASB 54 Fund Balance Policy
- 3- 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget Update as of January 23, 2012
- 4- Hartman Model Update
- 5- Staffing Discussion- 2012-2013

Committee Member /Administration Issues or Discussion Topics

1. Committee chairperson Craig West called the meeting to order at 12:00(Noon). Business manager Marcia Newcomb introduced Scott Rogers from Allen, Rogers, and Osgood to present the 2010-2011 Audit report. Scott Rogers commented in detail on the report as presented.
2. Following the audit report, business manager Marcia Newcomb introduced new governmental accounting standards referred to as GASB 54. Scott Rogers then reviewed each type fund balance classification as noted including nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. Marcia Newcomb reported that future decisions would be required and action taken by the board of directors. Sample policies were distributed to the board members present for review at their convenience.
3. Business manager Marcia Newcomb presented the 5 year projection model "Hartman Model". As a result, Mrs. Newcomb reviewed all expenses and revenues associated with the model contingent upon a variety of assumptions. Assumptions made included Act 1 Indexes, Insurance costs, salary projections, transportation costs, etc...
4. Superintendent Morral then commented on the status of the 2012-2013 budget. Current projections show a deficit of (-192,703). Factors influencing this budget season include level funding in the basic ed fund, significant increases in PSERS retirement fund, accountability block grant, and collective bargaining agreements. Superintendent Morral commended

Marcia Newcomb for locking in natural gas rates for the upcoming school year at \$2.76 resulting in a savings of approximately \$40,000.00 from the current school year. Water and sewer savings is \$2,608.00 from the prior year and telecommunications is \$5,300.00 from the prior year. More information will be released regarding the 2012-2013 budget upon the release of the Governor's budget.

5. Superintendent Morral distributed the 2011-2012 prioritized cost reductions to the committee and asked the committee to review the prioritized cost reductions enacted upon for the current school year as well as the proposed cost reductions proposed last year that were not enacted upon. Superintendent Morral asked all members of the committee to review each of these items and be prepared to discuss future cost reductions if necessary.
6. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30PM.