

**SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**4 Academy Street, Boiling Springs, PA 17007**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 26, 2021**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors Budget Committee met on April 26, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Weber called the roll with all members present except as designated:

**School Directors**

Mr. John Greenbaum  
Mr. William Hartman  
Mrs. Stacey Knavel  
Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse  
Mrs. Denise Maclvor

Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz  
Mrs. Edith Rob  
Mrs. Bethanne Sellers  
Mr. Jonathan Still

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Matthew Strine, Superintendent  
Mrs. Nicole Weber, Director of Business/Operations

**Visitors**

Joe Cress  
Paula Michalik  
Cindy Bailey

Reviewed Budget Presentation.

Grant funding amounts, recapped ESSERS III updated numbers. 20% of ESSERS II and III grants must be used for learning loss = \$470,154

Outlined ESSERS II and III grants allowable usage for facility upgrades.

Reviewed chart of grant information awarded vs spent year to date.

**2020-2021 Budget Update**

- Year to date revenue
- Year to date expenditures (noted that supplies should not continue to rise)
- Cyber School Information
  - Mrs. Rob requested for cyber intent data to be included as well.
  - Mrs. Maclvor suggesting bringing teachers into discussion now/before summer break.
  - Mr. Greenbaum commented that announcement of intent should be made now for 5 days/week next year.
  - Mrs. Knouse suggest use of surveys.
- 2020-2021 General Fund Financial Forecast

- Mr. Hartman inquired about summer programs offered by other districts.
- Mrs. MacIvor inquired about ample testing for grade levels in social studies and science. How are we defining learning loss?

#### 2021-2022 Budget Information

- Overview of changes compared to March 2021 Budget Presentation
- Mrs. Sellers inquired about reading coach in secondary level.
- Mrs. Knouse inquired about adding paras to additional positions.
- Mr. Greenbaum commented on using grant funds for learning loss.
- Charts of increases- 0%, 1.5%, 2%, and 3%
- Comparison to other districts

#### Facilities and 5-year outlook

- Athletic Uniform replacement cycle
- Technology purchases (to plan for 2023)
- Capital upgrades projects within 5 years – 6.9 million
  - YBMS roof and HVAC system must be completed by 2023 due to wear and tear.
  - Can use ESSERS grant for HVAC and BSHS windows. Other items do not meet grant requirements.
- Debt service information
- Capital Reserve Fund Balance comparison to other districts
- Capital Reserve Project funding challenges
- ESSERS Grant for Capital Upgrades
- Tax increase options/impacts on fund balance
  - 1.3% COLA increase
  - Mrs. Sellers inquired about percent of households on fixed income. Unemployment rate in SMSD.
  - Propose 2-3% increase

#### Budget Timeline

- May – Board approval of proposed final budget
  - Provides taxpayers time to review proposed tax implications
- June- Board approval of final budget
  - Approval of millage rate for fiscal year

## ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Sellers made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.