



BICS Board of Directors Meeting
January 23, 2023 7:00am
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 am by President Gary Boyer.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were in attendance: In person: Gary Boyer, Scott Gaenicke, Rebecca Schell, Teacher Representative, and Reneé Bernhard. Virtually: Theresa Murphy, Jackie Flynn, Steve Richardson, and Patricia O’Sullivan.

Staff members present: Sofia Crittenden

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented (Gaenicke/Flynn). Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the October 24, 2022 Board meeting (Gaenicke/O’Sullivan). Motion carried.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Revision of the 2022-2023 Budget

Income:

Line 1: Increase FEFP Funding to actuals.

Line 5: New grants were announced by the district, so the numbers have adjusted based on expectations.

Line 9: Investment interest is on the rise; thus, the budget has adjusted to account for the money we have received so far, plus a little bit more for the rest of the year.

Line 13: Surtax has increased bringing the expected amount closer to actuals, since we have already received \$274,780 YTD.

Line 15: Estimated income with proposed adjustments reaches \$5,175,900.

Line 19: Planner income was higher, so numbers have been adjusted to actuals.

Lines 22-24: We will receive hardening grant funds of \$8,809, so the amount is included.

Lines 28-36: Title II and IV had a rollover, for which we heard the deadline closed early; thus, the amounts have been removed from the budget.

Lines 37-39: School club funds have been increased. Cash flow is higher due to field trips and the change reflects this.

Expenses:

All instructional wage expenses have been adjusted to reflect state directed raises. A total allocation of about \$100,000 has been used to increase teacher salaries this year. In the same way, where wages have been adjusted, payroll related expenses have been adjusted to reflect the changes accordingly.

Line 50: Line has been adjusted to reflect actual funds from the walkathon.

Line 51: Added the funds we received for Teacher's Lead this year.

Lines 59-60: An increase in mental health needs and the county's new billing system are the reasons the amounts have increased in both accounts.

Line 68: Funds raised for book fair are adjusted to actuals; first book fair exceeded expectations.

Lines 75-82: Several things are happening in the IT department. As needs are covered past the basic troubleshooting of existing problems, IT contracted services moves to strategic planning. Hardware and software needs, as well as server maintenance and repairs needing to be done, are being included in the budget. Future IT expenses may include: door card readers, internet upgrades, better server allocation, safer remote access, as well as phone updates/ upgrades.

Line 87: Copy machine budget has been adjusted to accommodate for the purchase of one copier. We have been told one of our copiers has reached its exceeded life expectancy; if/when it breaks, we will not repair it, but replace it which is why funds are needed.

Line 95: Finding personnel has been increasingly difficult; thus, expenses related to those costs have increased.

Line 100: Bus insurance increased, variance reflects actuals.

Lines 106-107: Finding new custodians meant we had to make the pay more competitive. To do so we increased the hourly pay.

Lines 114, 117 and 129: CARES expenses have increased, but the variance between those lines is 0. We just transferred funds from 129 to the other two.

BICS:

Lots of difficulty finding reliable employees for Before and After Care. The budget adjustments are showing the worst-case scenario related to expenses. BAC and VPK are receiving ARPA Grant funds, which is to cover vital program needs. A second grant is expected to arrive later this year.

Lines 139-140: Minimum wages have been increased by ELC (Early Learning Coalition), which means the funds we receive are increased to reflect this change.

Lines 144-145: Most supplies are allocated to ARPA this year as they are allowable. Although there has been an increased need for supplies, the budget did not change to reflect that because funds come from another source.

Line 150: Employment enhancement has been assisted by our points through our Regions Credit Card. BICS had a carry forward last year of funds needing to be spent this year from their CARES grant. This is the main reason why BICS is expected to end the year with a loss instead of gain.

Lines 166-173: No changes are made to the debt service, though with our refinancing of the two bonds we expect to have much less expenses.

With known expenses needed for HVACs, fences, possibly the phone system upgrades and door controls, the net cash provided is expected to be at least \$86,355 by the end of this year.

There are funds for surtax to cover facility renewal this year.

A motion was made to approve the revision of the 2022-2023 budget (O'Sullivan/Flynn). Motion carried.

2. Out of field teacher

A motion was made to approve Kari Bollinger as being out-of-field for teaching GSP (gifted) (Flynn/O'Sullivan). Motion carried. Mrs. Bernhard stated that Mrs. Bollinger is on her timeline to be fully endorsed.

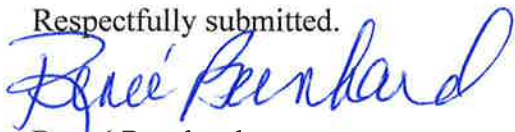
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee – no report

Teacher Representative – Mrs. Schell stated that round 2 of testing is done. She gave a shout-out to Mrs. Brandon, Mrs. Robinson, and Dr. Quam for all they did to make the testing process smooth for everyone. She also said that she really likes the new windscreen on the fence surrounding the field. Mrs. Bernhard added that additional windscreen will be added to the fence around the VPK and K-3 playgrounds.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:27am

Respectfully submitted.



Renee Bernhard
Principal



