Record of Proceedings

Minutes of the June 1, 2021, Special Meeting HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Number 2021-8

Call to Order

Mr. Paul Ward, Board President, called to order the Special Meeting of the Huron City School District on June 1, 2021, at 1:15 pm in the Board Conference Center of the Huron City School District Board of Education Office. Also present: Dennis Muratori, Superintendent, Randy Drewyor, Treasurer, Julie Lenner-McDonald, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Denise Zielske, Director of Operations. Community members present were Andy Kohlman, Suzie Kudrin, John Ruff, and Mindy Brunow.

Roll Call

Mr. John P. Jones	Present
Mrs. Donna Green	Present
Mr. Paul Ward	Present
Mr. Scott Slocum	Present
Mrs. Jody Mast	Present

Due to technical difficulties the meeting was not live streamed on YouTube.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ward lead all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval

Upon recommendation by Mr. Muratori, Mr. Jones moved for approval of the May 18, 2021, regular meeting agenda. Mrs. Green seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Mast Yes
Mr. Jones Yes
Mrs. Green Yes
Mr. Slocum Yes
Mr. Ward Yes

Motion Passed.

Board Work Session

Mr. Drewyor reviewed the current 5-Year Forecast for the district. The district is expected to continue to deficit spend with cash reserves exhausted by fiscal year 2024. FY23 will end with a positive cash balance but borrowing during the year will be required in order to meet payroll and other obligations. No relief is expected from state or federal sources.

The board reviewed four different funding scenarios. Option one included expenditure reductions of \$2M. Mr. Drewyor distributed a list of reduction ideas in order to provide a sense of the magnitude of potential reductions. A \$2M reduction in expenditures in 2023, with all other factors remaining the same, would keep

21-0047 – Agenda Approval the district solvent until 2027 or 2028. However these types of reductions would significantly change the programing and negatively impact students.

The second option reviewed was a 5-year \$2.1M emergency property tax levy to be placed on the November ballot. Passage of such a levy and renewal in 2026 would keep the district solvent until 2028 or 2029.

The third option reveiwed was a 5-year 1% earned income tax levy. This type of levy would eventually generate more revenue than a property tax issue but would have a slower collecton rate. This option, with renewal, would keep the district solvent until 2029. At full collection of this levy is expected to raise \$2.4M annually.

The final option discussed was the potential to put two issues on the ballot: (1) 5-year, 3 mil emergency property tax levy, and (2) 5-year .5% earned income tax levy. The combination provides the best of both options but requires the approval of two ballot initiatives.

Also discussed were federal grant dollars including ARP (American Recovery Plan) ESSER funds. The district is expected to receive approximately \$1.3M in ARP funds to be used for COVID related recovery and mitigation. Discussion of these funds will be included as part of the district's plan to consult with stakeholders on how these monies are to be allocated.

The board discussed levy strategy, building community trust and improving communications. Before deciding on which ballot measure to go with the board expressed a desire to do some informal polling to try and determine which levy form would be most likely to succeed. The board gave direction to the Superintendent and Treasuer to have two resolution of necessities prepared for the June regular board meeting. A decision as to which levy would be made at that time.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Huron Board of Education will be June 15, 2021 at 8:00 am. The meeting will be held in the Huron City School District Board of Education Conference Room.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Green moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mrs. Mast.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

Mr. Ward declared the meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

President

Attest

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Certificate of Available Resources

Certificate Section ORC §5705.412

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED the Huron City School District Board of Education, Erie County, Ohio has sufficient funds to meet the contract agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure for the above, and has in effect for the remainder of the fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the district to operate an adequate educational program on all the days set forth in its adopted school calendar for the current fiscal year equal to the number of days instruction was held or is scheduled for the current fiscal year.

Board President

Treasurer

Comments:

See ORC §5705.412

This certificate must be attached to any contract or order involving the expenditure of money with certain statutory exceptions.