

Approved on October 31, 2024

Meeting Presentation

PRESENT: Josey Ballenger, Holly Bird (*arrived at 8:22 a.m.*), Tyson Burch, Tom Freitas, Sandy Low, Andrew Raymond, Wes Souden, Christine Thomas-Hill, Paul Thwing, Dr. John VanWagoner II

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.

Chairperson Raymond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Raymond offered time for public comment and no request was made.

3. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

a. Prior Committee Meeting Minutes

The Committee was asked if they had any changes to the draft minutes from the August 1, 2024, Board Finance and Operations Committee (BFOC) meeting. No changes were recommended.

Approval for the August 1, 2024 minutes to remain as posted.

b. Bids, Services, and/or Purchases

i. Capital Projects

1. Bleachers

This purchase upgrades the bleacher systems at Blair, Courtade, Silver Lake, Westwoods, and East Middle School.

Recommend a contract for Bleacher Upgrades be awarded to Interkal, LLC for a total amount not to exceed \$419,096; includes a 10% contingency; funded from Capital Bond Funds; place this on the next Board of Education under Consent.

ii. Food Service

1. Steamer Table/Equipment

This purchase covers the replacement of a failed steamer pot at East Middle School, purchased in September, as well as mobile heating units for three elementary schools that were replaced in August. While the cost of each item purchased separately is below the limit requiring Board approval, combining all these purchases would have exceeded that threshold.

Recommend approval of purchased Food Service equipment from Stafford Smith for a total amount not to exceed \$43,702.13; funded from Food Service funds and grant funds; place this on the next Board of Education meeting under Consent.

Trustee Bird arrived at the table at 8:22 a.m.

iii. Transportation

1. 10-Passenger Van

This purchase provides an additional 10-passenger van to the fleet to help with transportation for district athletic events and other travel needs.

Recommend to purchase a 2022 10-passenger Ford Van from Seelye Kia of Battle Creek for a total cost not to exceed \$60,295.40; includes a 10% contingency funded from General Fund - Transportation; place this on the next Board of Education meeting under Consent.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- **Capital Projects Update**

A presentation was shared with the Committee which provided information about the status of construction projects across the district. The full presentation is available on the district website: www.tcaps.net/about/departments/capital-projects-and-planning.

- **Finance**

The Committee received an informational presentation about the November 5, 2024 election related to the renewal of the district's operating millage.

- **Insulin Litigation**

Superintendent VanWagoner provided details from our legal counsel regarding a nationwide lawsuit against various insulin manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers, and other defendants accused of artificially inflating insulin prices at the expense of employers and health plan entities. This item will be discussed further at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024.

5. OTHER ITEMS

Christine Thomas-Hill provided the committee with an overview of the new projects included in the *Upcoming District Purchases* document. She highlighted several of the larger projects that will require architect and engineering firms, with interviews tentatively planned for December.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Julie Gorter

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Committee Recording Secretary

Next Board Finance and Operations Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 8:15 a.m.

Administration at Glenn Loomis

1009 South Oak Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

Finance and Operations Committee Members:

Andrew Raymond (Chair), Josey Ballenger, Holly T. Bird,

Dr. John VanWagoner, Christine Thomas-Hill, Wes Souden, Sandy Low, and Paul Thwing