

DOWNERS GROVE GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 58

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 5, 2021

The Financial Advisory Committee met on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom video conference.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m.

Present

Chair Darren Hughes, Steve Olczyk, Nicole Bernard, Scott Cimo, Tammy DeStefano, Todd Drafall, Matt Durbala, Katie Hannigan, Katie Maffei, Jessica Miley, Geoff Neustadt, Ron O'Connor, Kevin Russell, Chris Sagan, Andrew Schmidt, Jason Sparks, and Jason Suchy. Also present were Ray Coyne of Oppenheimer and Kevin Barto, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Absent

Allen Altic, Laura Hill, Becky Lankheet, Cynthia Pietrucha, Brian Riegler, Jeff Riemer, Angela Rybarczyk and Leland Wagner.

Approval of Minutes

Nicole Bernard moved and Steve Olczyk seconded the motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2021. Motion carried.

Financial Plan Review

A draft of the five-year financial plan will be shared with the Board at the March 8 meeting. Despite the pandemic, the budget for this year is balanced. Because transportation was greatly reduced this year, next year's resulting small reimbursement will have a larger impact, assuming normal transportation next year. OKEEP has not been budgeted in expenses or revenues as it is still unclear whether the program is feasible next year. Any additional reductions in force can be made at the April meeting, but there are a number of retirements this year that will help offset the need for RIFs.

Potential Longfellow Sale and ASC Replacement Proposal

A subset of the FAC will meet three times to review and discuss the potential sale of Longfellow. In addition to volunteers from the FAC, the group will include Michael Cassa of the Downers Grove Economic Development Corp., as well as the community members who raised concerns about the sale at the February board meeting. The group will report back to the FAC at its next meeting.

If the group supports the plan, an approval to engage the architect to begin drawings to retrofit the ASC as a warehouse/maintenance facility will be brought to the Board. Michael Cassa has

provided a list of potential locations to lease office space and Kevin Barto has been reviewing their viability.

Review of Bond Sale

The timing of the bond sale saved the District money; the rate of return was under 1% and increased shortly after the sale. The bond proceeds will be abated to the Debt Service and Capital funds.

Review of Summer Work

The Pierce Downer roof and mechanical equipment have been bid out and are ready to be approved at the March board meeting. These projects account for about half of the bond proceeds; mechanical work at Fairmount and asphalt work will likely account for the rest of the funds. Bids have been favorable and attracted quality contractors.

Year-to-Date Report

Expenses are in good shape; transportation costs remain low. The low cash point should not be a problem this year with low expenses, the bond issue, and receipt of \$1 million in federal grant money. Next year's low cash point is a concern, however. Updating the fund balance policy to the 35% threshold would help. The committee discussed the pros and cons of further increasing the fund balance.

Public Comment

No comments were made at this time.

Adjournment

Steve Olczyk moved and Tammy DeStefano seconded the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 a.m.