

# Avon Grove School District

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## Board Facilities Committee Minutes February 23, 2016 Avon Grove Intermediate School – Audion – 6:00 PM

### **Attendees:**

Dr. Marchese  
Dan Carsley  
Matt Crockett  
Ed Farina  
Herman Engle  
Jeff Billig

### Community Members Comments/Questions (6 in attendance):

Charlie Beatty – Franklin Township – High School Sign  
John Auerbach, Jr. – Franklin Township – Long Range Plan/Capital Projects  
John Auerbach, Sr. – Franklin Township – Snow Removal

#### 1. Electricity Supply Agreement – Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.

The District engaged with Provident Energy Company to assist with the procurement of our electric and natural gas. In January 2016, Provident solicited and received pricing from six suppliers. Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. came in with the lowest price for a 24 month period. The savings to the District would be \$51,000 (\$11,000 in year one and \$39,000 in year two). Provident Energy and our Facilities organization recommend moving forward with Constellation for the 24 month scenario covering 2017-2018. The plan will cover all buildings in the District. Mr. Farina motioned to add this item as an addendum to the February 25, 2016 Board Meeting for Board approval.

#### 2. High School Electronic Sign

Matt Crockett informed the Committee that the electronic sign that sits outside of the high school is not functioning. The driver boards have failed. They can be replaced at a cost of \$3,400 but due to the technology and software being outdated, they will continue to fail. Matt recommended purchasing a new sign at a cost of \$11,985 from Sarro Signs Inc., a Costars vendor on the State contract. Sarro Signs installed the existing sign about 10 years ago. The cost of the sign will be covered from funding yielded from capital projects at the high school. The committee agreed to move forward with the purchase and replacement of a new red LED sign.

### 3. Long Range Plan Update

Matt Crockett reviewed the status of the 2015-16 long range plan items and explained why some of the projects have been pushed back. Over Thanksgiving break, our Facilities group was asked to create classroom space in the library at the high school which took one week. In addition, over winter break they were asked to create office space in the lobby area at the high school. This effort required the manpower of two of our maintenance employees. Efforts for the District auction have played a part as well. Effort to replace the carpet at AGI and PLE over the Spring break is still on schedule. The Committee received confirmation that the items listed as open will be accomplished in the 15-16 school year unless they were already slated to be pushed out for future years. It was recognized that the District is doing a good job with spending versus what was forecasted. There were two areas where projects exceeded the estimate but we also saved money on projects that have been completed.

### 4. Update on Cost of Snow Removal

With the blizzard conditions in January putting us in State-of-Emergency status, the County can seek reimbursement from FEMA for efforts related to snow removal. Our District's estimated costs were \$40,000 for contracted services, materials, general salaries, and overtime. We were asked to pick a 48 hour period where our costs were the highest and submit them to the County. If FEMA grants reimbursement to the County, the maximum we can receive is \$20,000.

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## Board Finance Committee Minutes February 23, 2016 Avon Grove Intermediate School – Audion – 6:00 PM

### **Attendees:**

Dr. Marchese  
Dan Carsley  
Brian Gaerity  
Charlie Beatty  
Patrick Walker

### Community Members Comments/Questions (6 in attendance):

Jane Brown – Franklin Township – Tax Relief  
John Auerbach, Sr. – Franklin Township – Legislative Reform  
John Auerbach, Jr. - Franklin Township – Waste Water Treatment Plant

#### 1. Barbacane Thornton – Audit Services 2016, 2017, and 2018

Mr. Carsley reported that our contract with Barbacane, Thornton, and Company LLP ended in 2015. The District received a new proposal from Barbacane which covers audit services for 2016, 2017, and 2018. The estimated fee structure is \$29,700 (2016); \$30,900 (2017); and \$32,100 (2018). The Committee requested pricing from other firms for competitive purposes. The Committee agreed to table any action with the Barbacane contract until they receive the additional pricing information.

#### 2. Waste Water Treatment Plant Update

The District was close to reaching an agreement with Aqua in November 2016, but due to management changes and employee relocations within the Aqua organization, the negotiations with the sale have been pushed back. Aqua representatives were scheduled to visit the plant in January but that was postponed until the week of February 8. The plan is to have a new asset agreement to the District by February 26. The question as to whether the District is in violation was addressed. Mr. Carsley reported that we have been in violation for quite some time. As of now, we are not being fined. In addition to sending formal correspondence, Mr. Carsley attended a meeting in November 2016 with EPA officials to explain our plan. He emphasized that we are in discussions with Aqua and that the District has made several improvements (pump and filter replacements, etc.) to the plant to bring our levels to within permit. Mr. Carsley is in contact with Aqua every week and is hopeful that we'll have a resolution in the next couple of months.

### 3. Budget Presentation - Revenue

Mr. Carsley presented the revenue portion of the 2016-17 budget which touched on local revenue components, state revenue components, and a budget summary. It's important to note that we are still waiting on the State to pass the 2015-16 budget. A few of the estimated State revenue sources for 2016-17, at this time, are \$14.5M for basic education, \$2.4M for special education, \$2.1M in transportation reimbursements, \$1.1M in social security reimbursements, and \$4.6M for retirement rate. On the local side...our calculations for assessed values are \$1.9 billion which is up from last year's \$1.8 billion. The value of a mil is \$1.9M and the collected rate of a mil is about \$1.85M. The Homestead Farmstead exclusion amount has not been certified so distributions have not been authorized. Those funds will be certified on April 15 and on April 20 they will determine if authorization to distribute those funds will be permitted. The District should know by May 1 what our portion of the allocation will be. Our projected 2016-17 local revenue is \$57.7M. This will change once we receive the Homestead Farmstead allocation. In summary, our total estimated revenue is \$84.9M with an expense budget of \$87.4M. The difference is \$2.5M which is made up of \$1.8M of committed fund balance (PSERS) and \$677,169 from unassigned fund balance. Mr. Gaerity recommended that community members contact the State legislature in hopes that there will be a push to pass the 2015-16 budget.

The 2016-17 budget books were distributed to Board members.