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New Business

Board Agenda Review

Discussion

Item 1

1. [NEOLA Proposal](#)

Minutes:

Tom Young and Amanda Clapp of NEOLA (Northeast Ohio Learning Associates) provided a proposal to review the district's policies.

State law requires a formal review of rules and policies every two years. It is possible some of our policies may not be in compliance with state and federal laws which places the district in danger of litigation.

- complete review of policy manual and bring them into compliance with state and federal regulations.
- recommendation to delete those rules and policies that are repetitive or in conflict with state and federal requirements
- procedures to implement the policies
- updates provided through NEOLA's server
- provides support against litigation and offers assistance with policies that are challenged
- updates provided twice a year

In collaboration with the school district, NEOLA will develop a schedule (time

line), determined by length of time to produce product, completion of product; and staff dedication to project.

Cost is based on sliding scale per student (\$89,000 spread over 2-4 years) maintaining updates (includes 120 hours face time of NEOLA staff time); maintenance of \$2500 each update (2 per year) (no charge for special/emergency updates). Anything over the 120 hours would be at a hourly rate of \$175.00.

Mrs. Fields asked who would be the lead person and where is the funding coming from? School Board Attorney Wes Bridges would continue to oversee the Board's policies.

Dr. Nickell stated that a monumental project such as this will require extra work of staff. She has meet with her Executive Team and Mr. Bridges to develop a plan of action. Should the Board decide to accept NEOLA's proposal, funds will need to be identified and budgeted. Policy provides guidelines for procedures which results in positive productivity.

The earliest NEOLA could begin is May/June with a one year completion if district so chooses.

Item 2

2. [Budget Reporting Guidelines](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Nickell recapped that the Board voiced an interest in quarterly updates on the financial status. Mark Grey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, provided information on the primary revenue sources: General, Special Revenue, Food Service, Capital Outlay, Debt Service, Internal Service, and Agency.

GENERAL

- Federal (ROTC instructors, Medicaid, etc) most focus;
- State (FEFP, Categorical, Work Force, PreSchool, State License Taxes)
- Local (Property taxes, Facility usage fees, course fees, gift/bequests, interest)

SPECIAL REVENUE:

- Federal - Title I, II, III, IDEA, Vocational Education, Pell Grants
- State - FDLRS
- Local - interest

FOOD SERVICE -

- Federal: National school lunch and Breakfast, Summer Feeding program, and USDA Commodities
- State: Breakfast/lunch supplements, DCF Certificates
- Local: Meal Sales interest

CAPITAL OUTLAY

- Federal - 0-
- State - CO&DS (Capital Outlay and Debt Service), PECO, SBE Bonds, Charter School Capital Outlay (start up charters)
- Local - Local Capital Improvement (1.5 mills); 1/2 cent sales tax (sunsets in 2016-17); impact fees, COPs/Bonds/Loans; interest

Staff is working with Wendy Dodge, Legislative Liaison, to receive a credit offset for existing construction projects going on at conversion charter schools that will be affected by the new charter legislation. This would include a repayment of borrowed funds for debt service by individual charter schools. Currently there is no protection in the legislation to cover our responsibilities toward the buildings. Difficult decisions are in the future based on the implications of this legislation, if the desire of the Board is to continue with high quality education and higher salaries for the teachers.

DEBT SERVICE

- Federal -0-
- State - Capital Outlay and Debt Service, Bond interest
- Local - COPs/Bonds, LCI Transfer (local capital improvement, 1.5 mills)

On the up side, several of our QSCB (Mulberry Middle) have come in under projected costs; allowing us to increase the project.

INTERNAL SERVICE

- Federal -0-
- State -0-
- Local - Insurance premiums (liability, workers' comp, health insurance fund, property insurance, vehicle coverage), interest

AGENCY

- Federal -0-
- State -0-
- Local - Gate receipts, donations, interest

The bill:

- modifies the FEFP Reading allocation to provide intensive reading instruction for low performing students during an additional one hour of instruction beyond the normal school day for each school day and limits the use of these funds for reading coaches;
- modifies the FEFP supplemental academic instruction allocation to require districts with low performing elementary schools to provide intensive reading instruction for the students in these schools for an additional hour a day beyond the normal school day for the entire school year;
- limits flexibility for the use of Reading and Supplemental Academic Instruction allocations to require the additional hour of instruction first;
- delays the increased class size penalty (full base student allocation amount) until 2014-15;
- provides for the calculation and funding adjustments for the class size penalty for the 2011-12 fiscal year;
- provides a waiver for the requirement to purchase newly adopted instructional materials within two years, if the district can demonstrate that the instructional materials content is provided by alternative means;
- requires districts to provide Discretionary Local Effort funds and state compression funding, if necessary, up to state average for Department of Juvenile Justice students;
- requires school districts to participate in the school district consortium to maximize purchasing power for goods and services;
- limits the 5% charter school administrative charge for schools that have exceptional student enrollment that is 75% or more of the total enrollment;
- conforms severance package language for district superintendents and other employees to s.215.425, F.S.;
- clarifies that Auditor General audits satisfy the audit requirement for school districts;
- provides technical clarification of FEFP FTE reporting requirements and FTE audit adjustments;
- deletes an obsolete fiscal year reference of 009-2010 for the waiver of the three-fourths limit for the proceeds of discretionary capital outlay millage for payments required by lease-purchase agreements; and
- authorizes the Commissioner of Education to waive certain facilities requirements when justified by districts.

Information

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 20th day of March, 2012.

Hazel Sellers, Board Chair

Sherrie B. Nickell, Ed. D, Superintendent