

Board of Education Finance Committee
Minutes
February 8, 2017

Present for the meeting were committee members: Ms. Christine King, Mr. Paul Cushing, Mr. Darin Preis, Mr. Joe Toepke, Dr. Dana Clippard and Ms. Linda Quinley, Dr. Peter Stiepleman and Mr. Jim Cherrington. Mr. Jack Dillingham of Piper Jaffray and Ms. Toni Stegeman of Gilmore and Bell also joined the committee.

Ms. King called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2016 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

The committee reviewed a realigned debt plan that would allow for the financing of construction of middle school to open in August 2020. Mr. Dillingham reviewed information relating to debt structure as allowed under Missouri Statute as well as for a financing schedule that would preserve the current 97 cent debt service levy. The committee discussed the opportunity to shorten debt and reduce the risk of adversely impacting the District's bond rating.

Ms. Stegeman of Gilmore and Bell reviewed the most recent bond election language and allowable work under that bond authorization, indicating allowable construction of a new middle school. Committee members discussed altering the original 10 year bond funding plan in order to meet the recommendation of the Long Range Facilities Committee to move the new middle school before additional elementary school expansions.

The committee further reviewed the impact to operating fund reserves of an acceleration of opening of a seventh middle school. Members of the committee expressed concern as it relates to a commitment to improving compensation of employees. After conversation, the committee agreed the operating fund risk was negligible since the middle school was already in the plan and was just moving forward two years.

After conversation, Mr. Cushing made and Mr. Preis seconded a motion to recommend the new financing plan to the Board of Education.

Mr. Toepke moved to adjourn. Dr. Clippard seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Linda D. Quinley, CFO