

DOWNERS GROVE GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 58

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 8, 2021

The Financial Advisory Committee met on Friday, January 8, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom video conference.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 a.m.

Present

Chair Darren Hughes, Steve Olczyk, Allen Altic, Nicole Bernard, Scott Cimo, Tammy DeStefano, Todd Drafall, Matt Durbala, Katie Hannigan, Laura Hill, Katie Maffei, Jessica Miley, Ron O'Connor, Kevin Russell, Jeff Riemer, Jason Sparks, Jason Suchy, and Mark Thomas. Also present were Kevin Barto, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Tammie Beckwith, PMA (financial advisor); Kyle Harding, Chapman & Cutler (bond counsel); and Ray Coyne, Oppenheimer.

Absent

Becky Lankheet, Geoff Neustadt, Cynthia Pietrucha, Angela Rybarczyk, Andrew Schmidt, and Leland Wagner.

Approval of Minutes

Steve Olczyk moved and Tammy DeStefano seconded the motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2020. Motion carried.

Initial Review of Bond Issue Presentation

Tammie Beckwith gave a presentation on a potential bond issuance, including the benefit of obtaining bond ratings from both Moody's and Standard & Poor. The bond issuance would include refinancing of the 2013 bonds at a lower rate and additional funds for other necessary capital projects. There are two options for financing: 1) pay off bonds more quickly using the District's full DSEB amount; or 2) spread the payments out over a few more years, allowing the District some flexibility to pay for larger project needs, such as a roof. After discussion, the committee agreed that the flexibility of option 2 is worth the additional cost.

Financial Plan Update

A draft timeline has been developed for moving forward with a sale of the Longfellow Center property. To turn the property into revenue by the next calendar year, action must be taken now. This additional revenue would fund necessary capital projects next summer. The committee discussed the need for a more in-depth discussion on the cost of updating the ASC building, lease space, and moving versus the revenue to be gained from the sale of Longfellow. The costs of maintaining the building and the additional tax revenue from new homes on the property

(approximately \$65,000 per year) must also be considered. A draft of the financial plan will be shared with the Board in February for a March approval.

Year-to-Date Report

The Year-to-Date report shows that the District is in a good position. Salaries seem a little higher because there was a third payroll in December. Transportation expenses are low due to remote learning this year. The District will be receiving another \$600,000 in federal COVID relief.

Public Comment

No comments were made at this time.

Adjournment

Steve Olczyk moved and Katie Maffei seconded the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.