

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING OF SENECA
TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, DISTRICT 160, SENECA, ILLINOIS**

A meeting of the Finance/Personnel Committee was held on October 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Ron Frye and Jason Eltrevoog. Also present: Jim Carlson and Dan Stecken

A. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

B. Finance

1. 2018 Levy and 2019-20 Budget

Mr. Stecken and Dr. Carlson reviewed the 2018 Levy. The 2018 Levy is based on an increase to the Exelon EAV of 5 million. It is anticipated the Levy Request will be for 7.5% over last year's extension, therefore a Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held. A big picture 2019-20 Budget will be adopted along with the levy. The overall budget is balanced. As always, the budget will be refined before amended and readopted in September 2019.

2. StratPlan Review

Dr. Carlson and Mr. Stecken reviewed the 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 audited financial statements with the projections in the StratPlan. It was noted the revenue projections were very accurate. The fund balances are more than predicted since the last few years fiscal years have ended with a surplus balance. The StratPlan was created with the guiding question: Can we afford to build a \$10 million gymnasium.

3. Grundy Lease Agreement

Mr. Stecken reviewed the impending lease agreement with Grundy County. This is a 6-month lease agreement.

4. MVK Transportation Co-op

Dr. Carlson reported the transportation cooperative with MVK, SGS, and SHS will terminate when the three-year agreement sunsets. He stated that MVK and SHS would attempt to create a new cooperative between the two districts. All districts are interested in joint leasing, if it is allowable.

5. Checking Account

Dr. Carlson reviewed a checking program called Super Now Plus Account from Peoples National Bank of Kewanee. This program does not charge fees while paying interest. The district presently banks with First Midwest, which does not pay interest and charges the district fees. Dr. Carlson will investigate the possibility of changing banks.

C. Personnel

1. Special Education Aide

Dr. Carlson discussed the need for a full-time individual aide for a student that very recently moved to the district. Angie Warwick will transition from a part-time aide to a full-time aide with benefits. The district will advertise for a new part-time aide in the life skills program.

2. Succession Planning

Dr. Carlson reviewed impending retirements at the end of the current school year and those in the following three school years.

D. Other

Dr. Carlson shared a concern from a member of the public about what an issue with the Marseilles Police Department and the fact that our SRO used to work for the MPD. Dr. Carlson stated the district investigated the matter in conjunction with the Seneca Police Department and found no evidence of wrongdoing.

E. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary

10-17-18

Date