

DRAFT MINUTES

**Greenfield Public Schools
Budget & Finance Subcommittee**

Date: 9/5/17

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Central Office

Attendees:

Adrienne Nunez

Tim Farrell

Mayor Martin

Chris - tms

Abby - tms

Mark - tms

Jordana Harper (Super.)

Supporting Documents Received:

Budget report/YTD & Revenue and Balance sheet

Sample reports from TMS

Memo from Carol Holzberg regarding Technology at GHS

Call to order:

3:30 pm

Agenda Items:

- 1. Public Comment—NA**
- 2. Report from Business Office:** Noted some budget sense/payroll transition to munis = report is off slightly off. Discussion on reports. Consensus to receive Grant report; cover letter; revenue report; munis report.
- 3. Discussion on GHS construction budget.** TF notes 9 items that were value engineered out were energy items, not technology (furnitures, fixtures, technology) 125k was added to computer tech budget (above the amount determined by the state). Noted that there is “no pot of money” just a pre-authorization to borrow and spend up to an amount. TF says value engineer out may be priority. MSBA has formula per student. Brief recount of history of technology budget before construction. Value engineered out items were voted on and ranked according to priority. Mayor notes that CMS says when a project is closed, it is closed. Greenfield was approved for 22.4 million, and bonded 22million. Audit has not yet officially been completed. Discussion on process and what is reimbursable, etc. **TF or Mayor to bring clarity on process from CMS to next full**

committee meeting--Is it possible for additional funds to be spent on Tech at this point? If so, must additional spending be on items that were value-engineered out earlier in the process?

- Discussion on how to fund technology. JH says creative ways to fund through grants, etc. but this brings up issue that there is steady decrease in capital support for this so it comes right out of local contributions. Noted that ongoing updates are necessary also for e-rate. Creative replacement of technology is happening in district. Mayor suggests using choice funding to purchase tech for schools. Discussion on Capital Improvement committee/process beginning in October. JH supports dedicated line item in school budget to technology. Notes and recognizes the need on town side to prioritize. JH notes private funding sources have helped.

Adjournment time:

4:35 pm

Submitted by AN