

**Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District
Board of Education
Committee Meeting Summary**

**Monday, July 27, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

Board of Education Members Present: Mr. Carini, Ms. Borchardt, Mrs. Cerniglia, Mr. Jossart, Mr. Verhalen

Items Discussed:

1. Teacher's On-Call (TOC) 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Contract

Troy Hamblin, Director of Human Resources, presented background information on using TOC to provide substitute teachers for the district since 2012-13 and substitute aides during the 2014-15 school year. This contract renewal includes an administrative mark-up of 26% for their services for the 2015-2016 school year—the same as it has been the past three years, and an increase to 27% for the 2016-2017 school year. There is no fiscal impact on the 2015-16 budget and an estimated budget increase of \$8,000 anticipated for the 2016-17 school year budget. The Board agreed to place this as an action item on the August 10 Business meeting agenda.

2. Agreement for School Resource Officer Services for 2015-2016

Superintendent Culver reviewed the agreement with the city of Oak Creek for sharing the costs of Resource Officers in the schools. The district pays for 50% of the wages and benefits for 2 officers, which amounts to \$116,146 for the 2015-2016 school year. Dr. Culver commented that quarterly updates would be available on the services provided during the upcoming year. The Board agreed to place this as an action item on the August 10 Business meeting agenda.

3. Preliminary 2015-16 Budget

Cathy Cramer, Director of Business Services, presented the summary of the operating budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting. It includes updated assumptions for revenues and expenses based on the most recently passed state budget, as well as several items already reviewed and approved by the Board. Funds for an additional 8.0 teacher FTE's, including a math interventionist at the High School, a Communication Specialist and part-time High School Attendance Dean are included. The preliminary levy increase projected for the General Fund is less than 2%. This will not be finalized until after October 15 when the district's state aid to be received in 2015-16 is certified by the Department of Public Instruction. The voter approved levy for the recent referendum is also included, at approximately \$2.2 million. Based on these preliminary assumptions, the required format for budget adoption for all funds and approval for presentation at the Annual Meeting August 24 will be updated for review and action at the August 10 Business Meeting.

4. First Quarterly Update on Construction Projects

Representatives from Eppstein Uhen Architects and VJS Construction Services provided an update on the new elementary school and secondary school buildings. The design of the elementary school was presented and the architects shared the process for the design development that occurred with school staff. VJS reported that the first bid package was awarded and construction is underway this week. An updated timeline on the facility plans was reviewed, and the construction schedule discussed, as the elementary school is on a tight timeline for its opening in 2016. The overall project is within budget parameters, based on the assumptions and allowances anticipated at this time. Discussion was held on the groundbreaking for the new elementary school, which is scheduled for August 17 at 5:00 p.m. A preliminary schematic of the new secondary school was presented, and it was noted the construction schedule for that building will be dependent on the vacating and demolition of the buildings currently occupied by the city of Oak Creek. A more detailed design for the secondary school and auditorium will be provided in the next update, scheduled for October.

5. Public Participation

Members of the audience commented on the plans for the new buildings, including the walkway between the new secondary building and the current high school; the computer lab and media center space, and the need to be flexible for future student growth. A parent spoke favorably on adding the Communication Specialist position. A parent commented on the radon levels present in properties in Oak Creek.

Meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.