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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Thursday, April 18, 2024

7:30 AM - Building Committee Meeting

Harper Creek Administration Building

7454 B Drive North, Battle Creek, MI 49014

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:38 AM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call – Present Board Members: Mrs. Allwardt, Mr. Bess, Mr. Smith
Others Present: Mr. Ridgeway, Ms. Obermyer, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Maynard
- IV. Review and Approval of Agenda
- V. Comments from the Audience Related to Agenda Items – None
- VI. Discussion
 - A. PILT Financials – Mr. Ridgeway discussed the total PILT money and the expenses. The PILT is divided into 43.50% to the General Fund and 56.50% to Future Needs. PILT money is used for School Resource Officers, Nurses and Health Paras, and sports fees. Ms. Obermyer's information also included the current projects PILT money is allocated for including HVAC (plus 3 more years), uniforms, the turf project with contingency, and the remaining Press Box project.
 - B. Potential Projects – Mr. Maynard and Mr. Robinson provided a list of requests for the remainder of the 2024-2025 PILT money.
 - C. Priorities – The committee prioritized the list.
 1. Two busses
 2. Maintenance truck
 3. HS gym bleachers
 4. Sonoma Parking Lot
 5. Elementary playground mulch
 6. Baseball/Softball field top dressing
 7. Overhead door Booster/Tennis Area
 8. BLE Playground equipment removal
 9. HS Pool Filter Gaskets
 10. Student devices
 11. Ten computer carts
 12. Servers/storage
 - D. Other items discussed-
 1. The newly passed bill **Michigan Filter First** requires updates to drinking water systems in public schools. This will also require school districts to have a drinking water management plan.
 2. The state budget for schools
 - a. Free breakfast and lunch
 - b. Mental health and safety money
 - c. State retirement system for school employees

Mr. Ridgeway will take the information from this meeting to make recommendations to the whole Board.

VII. Comments from the Audience - none

VIII. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 AM

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.