

Marlington Local School District Board of Education - Work Session (Monday, November 6, 2023)

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A video of the work session is available on Youtube at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLwHaweZI3E>

CALL TO ORDER

Those present and answering roll call were:

Josh Hagan
Karen Humphries
Cathy Krupko
Jonathan Swift

170.23 Adoption of Meeting Agenda - Mrs. Karen Humphries

Ms. Krupko moved and Mr. Swift seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

Josh Hagan	Yes
Karen Humphries	Yes
Cathy Krupko	Yes
Jonathan Swift	Yes

At 5:21 p.m., Mr. Ryan entered the meeting.

During the work session, the draft five-year forecast was discussed. Discussion included a presentation of the five-year forecast by Mr. Ryan Ghizzoni of Forecast5/Frontline Education. Mr. Ghizzoni noted that reductions in salaries, benefits, and supplies, as well as an increase in interest income resulted in a projected operating surplus in the current fiscal year (2024) of \$183,285 whereas the May 2023 forecast indicated a small operating deficit. Mr. Ghizzoni also confirmed that if the district is on the '20-mill floor' in fiscal year 2025 as expected, an increase of approximately \$500,000 in revenue in fiscal year 2025 is expected due to higher property valuations. Mr. Ghizzoni clarified that the forecast reflects an anticipated increase in property values of 20%. It was also discussed that the legislature may be making changes to the law in regard to the 20-mill floor due to higher expected valuations which could cause those numbers to change.

New levy options were discussed, and the impact on the forecast was discussed. It was noted that the money received from the Nexus pipeline is transferred out of the operating fund each year to pay for permanent improvements. A proposal was discussed for keeping the pipeline money in the operating fund, and having a permanent improvement to that would generate roughly \$1.3-\$1.4 million per year to provide funds for permanent improvements. Mr. Ghizzoni noted that if a permanent improvement levy for approximately the same amount as the pipeline revenue was passed, it would have a positive impact on the forecast, resulting in an operating surplus through fiscal year 2027, then dropping to an operating deficit in fiscal year 2028.

Mr. Hagan noted and Mr. Swisher confirmed that the levy would be a renewal, so if it weren't needed in the future, it could be changed.

Mr. Swisher reviewed a proposed plan to replace some additional sections of the high school roof (phase 2 of a proposed 4-phase project) at a cost of \$1,080,000, and noted that other paving and concrete work was desired.

Mr. Hagan asked Mr. Swisher if he had information regarding student-teacher ratios. Mr. Swisher noted that the Ohio Department of Education uses EMIS position Code 230 for the calculation of student-teacher ratio and discussed staffing, enrollment, and student-teacher ratios.

ADJOURNMENT

171.23 Ms. Krupko moved and Mr. Swift seconded the motion to adjourn.

Josh Hagan	Yes
Karen Humphries	Yes
Cathy Krupko	Yes
Mark Ryan	Yes
Jonathan Swift	Yes

Karen Humphries, Board President

Robert Foss, Treasurer

