

Community Financial Review Committee Meeting

November 15, 2022 / 6:00 PM / District Office Board Room/Via Zoom

Attendees

Robert Chase, Marie-Cecile Medine, Christine Miller, Tom Pappenhagen, Danya Woods, Community Members; RCEA Member: Mike Matthews; BOE Members: Kecia Nesmith, Catherine Thompson; Red Clay Assistant Superintendent/CFO: Ted Ammann Ed. D., Staff: Steven Andrzejewski

Update on Certificate of Necessity

Dr. Ammann presented to the committee an update on the Certificate of Necessity that was submitted to DOE. It mentioned that it had been denied but the district plans to resubmit for FY24. The district plans to hold off on an operating referendum until next year hoping that a successful CN can be included. Ms. Nesmith shared that the CFRC could share information on the three scenarios that the administration considered with the board through the CFRC report to the Board. Mr. Matthews shared concerns with delaying an operating referendum and its impact on the ability to negotiate teacher salaries. He reminded the group that he believes Red Clay is fourth of the four NCC districts regarding compensation and that being competitive is something that the CFRC should keep in mind. Dr. Ammann discussed how the security upgrades that were requested still may find funding via the COPS Grant since they are required by the state.

Vote for Yearly Char/Vice Chair

Dr. Ammann said that the vote for the yearly Chair/Vice Chair has been moved to the next meeting so that current chair Ms. Rattenni can be in attendance and run the nomination/voting process.

Monthly Expenditure Report

Dr. Ammann reported to the committee on the monthly expenditure report. There were not major items of note. Local revenues are still coming in and transfers to the appropriate accounts are being processed which should occur in early November so they should be reflected in next month's report.

September 30th Unit Count Update

Dr. Ammann reported to the committee on the September 30th unit count with a comparison to last year. Student count was slightly lower yet units were slightly higher. This was a result of a number of factors including continued growth of PreK. Ms. Thompson suggested the CFRC would benefit from additional information about PreK and Dr. Ammann suggested that Pre-K be included as a topic for an upcoming presentation.

The next meeting will be held December 13, 2022 at 6pm in person at District Office with a zoom option. Topics expected to be discussed are a Transportation Presentation and Monthly Expenditure report. Dr. Ammann also asked the group for topics that they would be interested in hearing more about throughout the year and he will work to schedule the appropriate staff to attend and share. Suggestions from the group were: debt service & bond debt, electric buses/transportation, pre-k, nutrition, District Office Org. chart, Federal Programs

The approved meeting minutes will be posted on the district's website, redclayschools.com, within 3 business days of the meeting at which they are approved.