

Community Financial Review Committee Meeting

December 13, 2022 / 6:00 PM / District Office Board Room/Via Zoom

Attendees

Robert Chase, Marie-Cecile Medine, Jane Rattenni, Danya Woods, Community Members; RCEA Members: Steven Fackenthall, Mike Matthews; BOE Members: Kecia Nesmith, Catherine Thompson; Red Clay Assistant Superintendent/CFO: Ted Ammann Ed. D., Red Clay Manager of Transportation: Kelly Shahan, Staff: Steven Andrzejewski

Transportation Update

Ms. Shahan presented to the committee on the transportation department. She highlighted we currently have 127 buses (95 district buses and 32 contractors). She discussed the current national shortage of bus drivers.

Ms. Shahan spoke to the committee of the progress of the “Don’t Rush the Red” Program. She stated April 1st, 2022 the district started sending the actual violations. 68 of the 127 buses in the fleet have the technology. 597 tickets have been issued. Ms. Shahan let the committee know about the various conditions that need to be met in order for a ticket to be issued as well as how much the fines are for each offense.

Ms. Shahan also included in her presentation an update on the electric buses. She mentioned the original federal application for electric buses was awarded to Colonia School District based on the random selection process. One bus is expected to come from a separate DNREC grant to Red Clay. DNREC has hired a consultant for each district to work with on future electric buses.

Ms. Shahan as the last part of her presentation updated the committee on the Transportation Bus Yard. She stated when we first received the bus yard, we only had 50 buses and about 80 employees. We now have 95 buses and 180 employees. She also described other currently struggles with the current bus yard include employee parking, meeting space, and increased rent cost.

Approval of Minutes

The September 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. Woods moved to accept the minutes; Mr. Chase seconded. The motion carried.

The November 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. Ms. Thompson moved to accept the minutes; Ms. Nesmith seconded. The motion carried.

Follow Up Board Docs Cost & Budgeting

Dr. Ammann reported to the committee on the cost of Board Docs. He stated when the district was a member of DSBA we paid \$10,000 we will now pay \$11,500.

Vote for Committee Chair/Vice Chair

Ms. Rattenni informed the committee she will not be running for re-election of the CFRC Chair. It was requested that the nominations and voting be deferred to January in order for all members to be present. Everyone in attendance agreed and the voting will take place at the January Meeting.

Monthly Expenditure Report

Dr. Ammann presented to the committee the monthly expenditure report. He noted that the revenues are going as expected and that the local revenues are high due to the charter/choice payments timing not hitting the budget yet. He also noted that the charter bills are due in December.

Dr. Ammann noted on the expense side that the print shop is over budget due to the accounting process and will balance out as a timing issue. He said he has been reaching out to certain schools that have expended a higher percentage of their budget. He also noted that Debt Service is controlled by the Treasury Office.

Ms. Medine moved to accept the monthly expenditure report, Mr. Fackenthal seconded. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be held January 10, 2023 at 6pm in person at District Office with a zoom option. Topics expected to be discussed the approval of the December 2022 meeting minutes, vote for committee chair/vice chair, the monthly expenditure report, and debt service.

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.