2020-21 Tentative Budget

The Tentative Budget is the first projection for the upcoming fiscal year with significant and known conditions. SEEK funding has been established, as well as salary increases. Other planned activities are finalized as the clarity of the budget situation has improved.

General Fund

Revenues

The beginning balance for next year is projected to be $1,177,496. Total revenue is $593,000 less than through April of this year, in spite of an insurance reimbursement of $230,000. SEEK funding is down $486,000. Local tax revenue from property, motor vehicles and utilities have decreased $31,000, but when you take into consideration that we received an early utility tax payment on April 30 this year, local revenue is actually down $136,000. Interest income is $26,000 this year compared to $60,000 last year. Fund balance has decreased $741,000 through April of this year. In the 2020-21 budget, we are able to use the 2018-19 ADA, which is more than 2019-20 so SEEK revenue is projected to decrease only $40,000 next year. Local revenue is budgeted with the expectation of taking the compensating tax rate and based on this year’s collections. Budgeted Utility Tax Receipts have been reduced $77,000. $349,698 is budgeted for the Nucor PILOT. We do not have any indication that those funds are not forthcoming. The transfer from Capital Outlay and Building Fund is budgeted at $182,311. Total current budgeted receipts exclusive of On-Behalf state contributions are $11,182,478, compared to $11,168,018 in the current year. This is an increase of $14,460.

Expenditures

Salaries have been adjusted to allow for the increase in experience step only. Extracurricular pay is budgeted. Salary budgets have been decreased to allow for reductions due to SBDM staffing adjustments, single routing for transportation, and reductions in maintenance and custodial salaries. Salaries are budgeted at $7,993,500 $145,000 less than the current fiscal year. Employer matching costa are budgeted at $1,058,750, a reduction of $38,000 from the current year. County Retirement rates are staying the same for FY 21. The total cost of the salary increases and benefits is estimated at $9,052,249 for all staff paid from General Fund, a total reduction of $183,000 from the current year.

Other operational costs such as utilities, maintenance, fuel, insurance, etc. were individually budgeted based on current and historical amounts. Increases are not budgeted to departments for non-personnel expenditures. Professional Development, Instructional Resources, and Resource Teachers are budgeted. These programs were previously funded by state grants. In addition, the increased SRO costs are budgeted.

The budgeted contingency is $974,290, that is equivalent to 7.1%.

Special Revenue Fund

The budgets in the Special Revenue Fund are dictated by state and federal grant awards. Most state and federal grant allocations are available, but some program awards have not been finalized. For those that we do not have the allocations, we are using last year’s award. Grant awards are basically the same as in the current year. The personnel that are paid from these grants have been budgeted using the new salary and benefit levels. The state did not fund Professional Development, Instructional Resources, or Teacher Internship. Budget adjustments in General Fund accommodate those needs. In addition to the normal grants we receive, we will receive the Math Achievement and Read- To-Achieve grants. Total grant awards are budgeted at $1,564,236. The CARES Act funding and the GEER funding are not budgeted in this document, and final decisions have not been formulated regarding the expenditure categories for these funds, as well as determining the spending restrictions that may come with them. We expect to receive approximately $370,000 from these two sources of funding.

Capital Outlay Fund

Revenue of $134,512 is budgeted in Capital Outlay, reflecting an expected Average Daily Attendance of 1345. All of this amount will be transferred to General Fund for current operating expense.

Building Fund

Revenue of $1,848,198 ($763,044 state/$1,085,154 local) is budgeted for next year. $1,800,399 will be utilized to retire debt. $47,799 will be transferred to General Fund for current operating expense.

Construction Fund

$12,500 is anticipated as the beginning balance. This is leftover from the Bus Garage construction project and recent payments related to the new project. Bond proceeds, interest income, construction costs and a $39,868 repayment to GF are budgeted.

Debt Service Fund

This is a transfer fund to record debt payments by the district and debt service made by the state on behalf of the district. Local debt service requirements are $1,800,399 next year compared to $1,728,464 this year, an increase of $72,000 due to the new bonds issued last fall. State assistance for debt service is approximately $839,000.

Food Service Fund

Food Service revenue has been stable this year through April 2020, and the May reimbursement will exceed last year. This is due to increased reimbursement rates. Although food and supply costs have increased by $20,000 this year the current Fund balance has increased $21,000 more than at this time last year. Anticipated salary increases and new reimbursement rates are budgeted, and the projected contingency for FY 2021 is $133,908. This is equal to a 9.8% contingency.