2020-2021 Working Budget

The Working Budget is the final projection for the current fiscal year with significant and known conditions. SEEK funding has been established, a solid estimate of ADA is available, and staffing is place. Other planned activities are finalized as the clarity of the budget situation has improved. Grant awards have been received and are budgeted appropriately.

General Fund

Revenues

The beginning fund balance for 2020-21 now stands at $1,148,842, a decrease of $429,000 compared to the previous year. A $588,600 000 decrease in SEEK revenues was the primary cause for this reduction in fund balance. Revenues for 20-21 are expected to be $293,760 more than last year due to small increases in local property assessments and in lieu of tax funding from the Nucor project. We will also transfer about $95,000 more to General Fund from Capital accounts. Counterbalancing these increases are reductions in SEEK revenue of $101,000. We also received a large insurance settlement in 19-20 that bumped up revenue. Revenue from utility tax is also not projected to be as strong as projected in the Draft and Tentative budgets. Last year’s ADA is the floor for SEEK calculations, but increases in local property assessments will decrease SEEK. Additionally, FEMA funds are being requested to reimburse for C-19 expense, so the budget will be amended when those funds are known and received. Total budgeted receipts are $11,131,499.

 Expenditures

Salary increases in this budget are based on the experience step for both classified and certified personnel. Salaries are budgeted at $7,988,00 compared to last year’s actual of $8,068,000. A school based mental health grant will be used to offset counseling costs and transportation salary expense is projected to decrease $76,000. Employer matching costs are also budgeted to increase about $30,000 due to an increase in workers compensation premiums. Retirement contribution rates have been held constant for this year, but a significant increase could occur in 2021-22.

Other operational costs such as utilities, maintenance, fuel, insurance, etc. are budgeted based on historical trends and actuals. These costs are budgeted at $200,500 more than actual in 2019-20. Spending last year was curtailed in school budgets due to the abbreviated school year. GEER funding of $50,000 is planned to be used on excess special education costs. Diesel fuel and repair parts budgets have been reduced approximately $50,000 for this year. Utility budgets were increased by about $20,000 since we have been experiencing some increases, and SDRO costs are projected to increase to $50,000. Total budgeted expenditures are $11,470,321, an increase of 1.8%.

The projected ending fund balance is $810,021, equivalent to a 6% contingency. The Pilot funding is projected to double in FY 21-22, so the loss in fund balance should be slowed in FY21-22.

Special Revenue Fund

The budgets in the Special Revenue Fund are dictated by state and federal grant awards. The personnel that are paid from these grants have been budgeted using the new salary and benefit levels. There is $468,000 budgeted in local, state and federal grants. New funds from the CARES Act in the amount of $291,000 will be available to offset additional technology costs due to C-19 and food costs as a result of possible large revenue losses in Food Service. $50,000 in GEER funding is also available to offset excess special education costs.

District Activity Fund

The district activity fund is budgeted using the fundraising and donation revenue equivalent to 2019-20.

Capital Outlay Fund

Revenue of $134,512 is budgeted in Capital Outlay, ($100 per child in ADA). This amount will be transferred to General Fund for operating expense.

Building Fund

This year’s revenue is $1,855,916 ($763,044 state/$1,094,376 local). This is an increase of $31,000 since the 25% State Match begins this year.

 $1,800,399 is budgeted for local debt service and the balance of $55,517 is budgeted to be transferred to General Fund for operating expense.

Debt Service Fund

This is a transfer fund to record debt payments. The local debt service requirement is $1,800,399.

Food Service Fund

The Food Service Fund begins the year with a fund balance of $116,205. Revenues for 2019-20 were hit very hard due to C-19. Revenues decreased $43,637. This reduced the Food Service fund balance by $11,000. Revenues to the Food Service fund are currently projected to be reduced by $240,000, but food costs have been reduced by $207,000 due to supplementation by CARES funding and the reduced number of meals served. Currently, the Food Service contingency is projected to decrease $59,000 to $56,000. This is a 5.28% contingency.