

## Finance Committee Meeting

April 10, 2023

Present: Jeremy Bloeser, Amanda Farrell, Britni Burlingham, Lea Hetherington, Nicole Lee, Shawn Matson, Stephen Morvay, Tara Pound, Dr. Andy Puschak

Also Present: Dr. Ken Berlin, Vicki Bendig, Rebecca Kelley

The finance committee was called to order at 6:30 PM by Steve Morvay. Vicki Bendig, Business Manager, reviewed the executive summary of the 2023-2024 preliminary school district budget. Highlights for the budget included estimated salary and benefit increases, technology and maintenance initiatives, and increases in transportation and food service contract expenses. The preliminary projected budget deficit is \$414,466. Since 2017-2018, the district has raised taxes an average of 3.39% each year, which includes a zero-tax increase in 2021-22. It was suggested that to balance the budget, the Board increase taxes for the 23-24 school year by 3.39%. Mrs. Bendig then reviewed revenue and expenses by category, as well as a comparative analysis of actual expenditures for the 22-23 budget with proposed budgeted expenditures for the 2023-24 school year. Discussion followed regarding programs such as the refocus rooms in the middle and high school that were funded through ESSER and now need accounted for in the budget. The meeting concluded at 6:58 pm.