

**CENTRAL DAUPHIN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 1, 2024**

Committee Members Present: Eric Epstein, David Doernemann, Michelle Hawes, Lauren Silvers  
Other Board Members Present: Jeanne Webster  
Members of Staff Present: Aaron McConnell, Dr. Erika Willis, Robert Horney  
Members of the Public: Jacob Myers

**CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31PM by Mr. Epstein.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

2.1 Approval of the April 17, 2024, Meeting Minutes

1. The Finance Committee recommended approval of the April 17, 2024, meeting minutes, with one correction. 4.1, Bullet #3. Corrected to also include grant funded employees under the positions would be largely budget neutral...

Motion of Mrs. Lauren Silvers, Second of Mr. David Doernemann

**OLD BUSINESS**

3.1 Proposed Final 2024-2025 Budget

1. Mr. McConnell presented the committee with two final general fund budget iterations for the 2024-25 school year. The first iteration includes new staffing positions and shows expenditures exceeding revenues by \$95,854. The second iteration does not include any new staffing positions and showed revenues exceeding expenditures in the amount of \$1,607,665.
2. Mr. McConnell presented the listing of additional staffing positions that had been updated since the April 17, 2024, review. Committee members and administrators discussed the changes in the listing and the rationale for several of the requested positions. A greater discussion was held regarding staffing positions at Central Dauphin East High School.
3. The committee indicated they preferred the final general fund budget iteration that included the new staffing positions. The Business Office will review and update the budget to balance it out.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. 4.1 Mrs. Silvers shared information regarding the need to replace the scoreboard at Landis Field. She also discussed maintenance issues that needed to be performed at the press box to maintain the scoreboard equipment. A discussion was held regarding the status of the existing

scoreboard and the need for replacement. It was agreed that the information would be included on the agenda as a first read at the upcoming May 6, 2024, school board meeting.

## **COMMUNITY INPUT**

### 5.1 Community Input

Mr. Epstein asked if there was any input from the board members, staff, and community members.

1. Mr. Jacob Myers indicated he needed to attend the meeting for a college course and that it was interesting to see how many aspects of the school district were discussed at the meeting, especially staffing. Mr. Doernemann also provided information regarding educational mandates, local, state, and federal funding and associated requirements.
2. Mrs. Lauren Silvers asked about the status of the Federal Programs Coordinator position. Mr. McConnell indicated that it was on-hold. There was a discussion regarding the differences between a Federal Programs Coordinator and a Grant Writer position. It was also discussed that the grant writer position would be needed to complete grants for solar programs, electric school buses, etc. It was discussed that the district should consider hiring a consultant to pursue these types of programs. Mrs. Silvers indicated she would provide the contact information for a consultant working in the area.
3. Mr. Eric Epstein indicated that the district had received responses to the district's Request for Proposal for Architectural Services and asked committee members if they would like copies of the responses.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### 6.1 Adjournment

Motion of Mrs. Silvers, Second of Mr. Doernemann

Meeting adjourned at 6:28PM.