COMMITTEE: Budget/Finance

CHAIRPERSON: Timothy W. Stayer

ASSIGNED MEMBERS: Kay Kurtz and Chris Weber

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kay Kurtz, Timothy Stayer and Chris Weber

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kristee Reichard, Business Manager

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

I. Exonerations
After review and discussion the Committee endorsed the Administrative recommendation to approve the following real estate tax exonerations:

- Clay Township 2015-2016 $2,295.00
- Ephrata Borough 2015-2016 $1,907.92
- Ephrata Township 2015-2016 $111.84

Total $4,314.76

II. Special Education Supplemental Contracts with Cocalico School District
After review and discussion the Committee endorsed the Administrative recommendation to approve a contract to provide Special Education Services for an ag student from Cocalico School District, Denver, PA for the 2015-2016 school year. The cost is $16,732.49 per student plus additional related services billed on an hourly basis.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

I. General Fund Budget 2016-2017
The Committee was informed that the PDE Act 1 base index for the school district would be approximately 2.4% for 2016-2017. The District adjusted rate will be slightly higher.

II. Real Estate Millage Rates for Lancaster/Lebanon Districts
The Committee discussed the real estate millage rates for the Lancaster/Lebanon school districts. Ephrata dropped down one district from the top end this year.

III. PSERS Payment
The Committee discussed the three options for making the PSERS employer share payment due this month:
   1. Pay nothing and incur a 6% interest charge;
   2. Pay half and incur 6% interest on State half; or
   3. Pay all on time.

The Committee recommended paying all on time as the District has done with other obligations.

IV. Contribution
Acknowledgement of a contribution from Groff Transportation of a 1999 Chevy 3500 Express School Van valued at $4,000. The Committee would like this recognized at full Board meeting.

V. NSBA Conference
The Committee was informed the NSBA annual conference will be held in Nashville Tennessee beginning March 21 – 23, 2015. The board will determine whether any board member will be attending. Registration begins October 2014.