# Manitowoc Public School District Minutes of Finance & Budget Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Finance and Budget (F&B) Committee Chairperson Richard Nitsch called the Finance and Budget Committee to order at 11:16 a.m. with F&B committee member David Nickels present. Director of Business Services Shawn M. Alfred was also present.

## **2020 Pupil Transportation Contract Approval**

Director of Business Services Shawn Alfred spoke on the 2020 Pupil Transportation Contract. The overall contract with Brandt Buses Inc. being proposed will incur an increase, consistent with general contract increases, of \$29,472; 2%. Questions were asked by both member Nickels and Chairperson Nitsch on the costs, requirements of the company, history of the contract, competitors, etc. It was noted by member Nickels that the support of approval is given; however, the 2% increase in larger than the current CPI. It was also noted by member Nickels and Director Alfred that Brandt Buses Inc. and MPSD's working relationship is beneficial to both entities. A motion was made by member Nickels, seconded by Chairperson Nitsch to bring to the School Board the recommendation to accept the 2020 Pupil Transportation Contract. The motion carried

#### **Columbus Street Parcel**

Director of Business Services Shawn Alfred spoke on a recent inquiry by a resident of Manitowoc in regards to the parcel is located at the corner of Columbus Street and 8th street north of the Lincoln High School main entrance, and adjacent to 806 Columbus Street. Currently MPSD has does not have any structures on this parcel or is it currently being utilized. The resident was inquiring of MPSD's usage and intent of the parcel, and if potential for sale would be considered. The inquiry was noted, acknowledged, and put on file by the Finance & Budget Committee members. No further action is being considered at the time.

### 2020-2021 Budget Update

Director of Business Services Shawn Alfred spoke on the 2020-2021 MPSD Budget. Updated preliminary figures were shared. The expenses were reflected of the estimated expenses for the 2020/2021 fiscal year; however, the revenues detailed were the revenues from the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Updated revenue numbers are released by the DPI on July 1<sup>st</sup> of every year; therefore, another draft of the 2020/2021 preliminary budget will be presented at the July Finance and Budget Committee once the numbers are released. Discussion of all individuals present occurred. Member Nickels noted that until the updated revenue numbers are received, that preliminary budget would not move forward, and noted it was for informational purposes only. An updated budget will be presented to the Finance and Budget Committee in July.

### 2020-2021 Budget Scenarios

Director of Business Services Shawn Alfred spoke on three different scenarios and the impact on the 2020-2021 MPSD Budget due to COVID-19 impacts on the State of Wisconsin. The three scenarios were a Per Member Decreases on the Tax Levey, a 5% reduction in State Equalization Aid, and the removal of the Per Pupil Categorical Aid. Based on information received, each of the three scenarios may occur to offset costs incurred by COVID-19 by the State that could potentially impact the DPI and in results impact MPSD. Each of the three scenarios impacts MPSD's revenue source, and the range from \$900,000 impact to a \$3,778,899 impact. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by member Nickels and seconded by Chairperson Nitsch to adjourn, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.