

# Westmont Hilltop School District

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## AGENDA

### Finance and Property Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 6, 2017

High School Knowledge Commons

5:30PM

*The Board requests that those wishing to address the committee during public comment observe a three minute time limit. A spokesperson should be appointed in the case of a group presentation.*

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Hearing of Citizens/Public Comment for Agenda Items Only**

1. Construction update from Turner Construction
2. A Review of the financial results of FY 2016-17. As had been projected throughout the year, the district used \$3,006,858 of the fund balance. The fund balance as of June 30, 2017 is now at \$7,577,371.
3. The preliminary preparation for the FY18-19 budget has begun in earnest. The board will be required to declare the intention whether it intends to stay within the within the Act 1 limit of 3.1%. The requirement is to determine whether or not taxes will be raised less than 3.1% of 86.2 mills, or 2.6722 or apply for exemptions, which are very difficult at this point, or as for a referendum approval. The work done to date has yielded that the district is in better shape fiscally this year heading into 18-19 than we were at this time last year. The one big change is that we have begun to receive reimbursements on our building projects, which wasn't anticipated to happen yet.
4. A review of the money to finish the building projects will be presented.
  - a. The follow-up on the discussion from last month on the inclusion of the input from Don Overdorff will be provided based on our last meeting. Mr. Overdorff took the documents given to him by Mr. Kesslak which were prepared by Nagle Athletics. He has indicated that he believes a savings could be derived from bidding out the project. One of the things he has asked the administration to do was to call Stephen Parks architects from Duncansville, PA. Mr. Parks has extensive experience and this is really his niche of work, and Mr. Parks believes the district would save significantly if the project were bid out and get a better product with a longer life cycle with his expertise. Some of his recent projects are the track at Windber Stadium, the GJSD resurfacing, and the track at St. Francis University. Unfortunately, he is on a vacation and unable to meet with us this week, but the thought process is that he would come before this committee in January to provide an overview of how he sees the project based his recommendations and answer questions from the board members. At this point, this would be a summer project.

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5. The Dental Insurance which was extended for one year is again up for renewal. While we are self-insured, there is a price increase for the administrative portion from Delta Dental. There seems to be little room for relief to the district to act as the CBA specifically calls for Delta Dental to be the carrier. The current agreement expires 12/31/17.
6. The Administration is expecting the appraisal of the old elementary at 675 Goucher Street soon from Hagerich and Sons, but it is not yet been received.
7. The insurance underwriters have inspected to the district's properties which is done at least once every three years. There were three items on the report that were noted. In both the junior high wood shop and the HS technology education area, the safety guards were not on the band saws, and the teachers have been notified and have indicated that they will be used. The third item is the disrepair of the playground at the old elementary school. The district has a decision to make to either invest time and money into the area to bring it up to safe standards, or remove the equipment. This is a decision that will be driven in part from the determination of what happens with the property, but safety conditions are an immediate concern.
8. The plaque for the Elementary building will be distributed for review. The design is the same as that used at the High School.

## **Hearing of Citizens/Public Comment – General Topics**