



# WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mark Boyer  
Business Manager

Finance Committee Budget Workshop  
Date: Wednesday, 3/24/2021  
Place & Time: CBR, 4:15pm

Committee Chair: Steve Pottieger

## Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Rob Scoboria

Board Attendees: Mrs. Harenza, Mrs. McAvoy (Zoom), Mrs. Phillips (Zoom), Mr. Pottieger,  
Mrs. Waxler, Mrs. Ziolkowski,

Public Attendees: None

Finance Meeting called to order by: 4:40 pm by Mark Boyer  
Public Comment: None

Old Business:

New Business:

- Mr. Boyer reviewed a presentation covering:
  - Review of Cares Esser Funding
  - 20/21 Budget
  - Enrollment
  - Personnel Review
  - 21/22 budget
  - Forecast

Esser Cares Funding – Mr. Boyer reviewed the three phases of Esser Funding; I, II and III. He explained Esser I funds have been spent and Esser II funding is ready to start drawing down, expenses have been identified. Mr. Boyer said for Esser III we do not know exactly what our funds will be as President Biden has said some of these funds will be held back. This funding would need to be spent by 9/30/2023. This is part of the American Rescue Plan.

Mr. Boyer reviewed how Esser II funds were allocated and what the funds were spent on. Mr. Boyer reviewed Esser III funding allocations explaining 20% minimum of total funding must be set aside for learning loss. Mr. Boyer reviewed some of the things ESSER III can be used for. Administration will bring information to the April 12<sup>th</sup> Board Committee meeting.

Mr. Boyer said some of these funds could potentially be used for 2021/22 budgeted items and offset deficit, but we need to be strategic in the way the funds are allocated. Funds may be reserved for anticipated testing needs in the next school year and those ideas are being explored and investigated. More information will come.

2020/21 Budget - Mr. Boyer reviewed a slide showing projections/budget depicting where the District stands currently, and where the District is projected to be at the of end of the 2020/21 school year. Mr. Boyer stated, at this time the District is in a positive place, with a very small deficit. Mr. Boyer reviewed variances in budget, revenues and expenditures.

Enrollment - Mr. Boyer reviewed a slide for Enrollment projections which compares current enrollment and enrollment projections and reveals the need for additional long term substitute. Mr. Boyer shared enrollment/class sizes are determined by Board Policy and enrollment projection is determined based on information provided by the Department of Health.

Personnel – Mr. Boyer reviewed additional personnel requests, and the proposed salary/wage increases.

Tax Increase/Millage – Mr. Boyer reviewed the Millage, Act 1 Index set at 3% and reviewed additional tax increase revenues possible. Mr. Boyer reviewed the Current Assessed Valuation of West Reading and Wyomissing. Mr. Boyer reviewed potential tax increases showing a slide with graphics depicting the percentages and their effect on the average home owner.

2021/22 Budget – Mr. Boyer reviewed the total projected revenue/ expenditures and surplus/deficit for 2021/22, noting the revenue does not include a tax increase at this time, expenditures do include the full amount of debt service, and also \$250k of contingency funds, 0% increase in health care, additional funding for Cyber/Charter and BCTC costs, additional rev./exp. for Esser II, but not Esser III, and flat funding of BEF/SEF revenues. Mr. Boyer shared an interactive spreadsheet listing Board decisions to be made regarding tax increase amounts, retirements fund balance, variance in debt service, budget SEF/BEF increase and their forecasted result on the current deficit. Mr. Boyer worked through interactive graphing forecasting, showing different scenarios and their outcomes.

Fair Funding – Mr. Scoboria spoke about plans to advocate for Fair Funding for WASD, noting that per BCIU analysis, WASD is the second most underfunded school district in PA by the commonwealth on a per pupil basis.

Next Steps – Mr. Boyer reviewed the next steps timeline for Budget review, adoption of proposed budget and adoption of final budget.

Adjournment: 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Mark Boyer