

STEWARTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING

February 2, 2015

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Board: Kathleen Covell, Philip Pariseau, Kara Sweatt
Principal: Jennifer Mathieu
SAU: Cheryl Covill, Robert Mills
Public: Kathy Videtto, Jake Mardin, Robert Ladd, Hasen Burns, Allen Coats,
Nelson Boire, Marc Rancourt, Landon Placey, Jeannine Burns,
Joan Coats

Budget Committee Chairman, Robert Ladd, called the hearing to order at 6:02 pm.

Cheryl Covill reviewed the proposed 2015-16 budget

- ⇒ Regular Education is up \$13,875.00
- ⇒ Title I is up \$103,507.00
 - ❖ It is funded by a federal grant so this is offset on the revenue side
- ⇒ Special Programs is down \$53,066.00
- ⇒ Guidance Services is up \$9,826.00
 - ❖ Stewartstown contracts with Northern Human Services and the Pittsburg School District
- ⇒ Speech Pathologist is up \$2,750.00
- ⇒ Occupational/Physical Therapy is down \$3,855.00
- ⇒ Other Support Services is up \$1,884.00
- ⇒ Technology Services is down \$4,752.00
- ⇒ Improvement of Instruction is up \$9,311.00
- ⇒ School Board Services is up \$4,250.00
 - ❖ Professional services is up \$3,900.00 for audit and legal services
- ⇒ Office of the Superintendent is up \$11,378.00
 - ❖ The increase is due to the Superintendent's position changing
- ⇒ Office of the Principal is down \$6,312.00
- ⇒ Plant Services is up \$99,850.00
 - ❖ \$100,000.00 budgeted to replace the roof; \$30,000.00 would be taken from the Reserve Fund Balance and \$29,050.00 from the Building Fund to help offset the cost.
- ⇒ Pupil Transportation is up \$60,199.00
 - ❖ Replace the small 14 passenger bus
 - ❖ It is a 2005
 - ❖ Would replace with the same size with a wheel chairlift
- ⇒ Debt Service is down \$2,342.00
 - ❖ Due to less interest on the bond
- ⇒ Charter School is up \$6,799

Total Expenditures are up \$52,039.00

Estimated Revenues

- ⇒ The balance on hand is down \$64,395.00
- ⇒ The state education grant is up \$25,290.00
- ⇒ Refund/Other Local Revenue is up \$6,000.00
- ⇒ Catastrophic Aid is down \$37,677.00
- ⇒ Withdrawing from the Reserve Fund \$30,000.00
- ⇒ Withdraw from the Building Expendable Trust Fund \$29,050.00
- ⇒ Transfer from the Capital Reserve Bus Fund - \$20,000.00

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Total Estimated Revenue is down \$11,057.00

Total Appropriations are up \$63,096.00

Kathy Videtto asked the cost per pupil at Stewartstown Community School

Philip Pariseau read the School District Warrant. Philip noted petition warrant articles are due no later than next Monday.

The hearing closed at 6:22 pm.

Kathy Videtto presented a petition to the Board to have all students in grades 8 through 12 be educated thru the Virtual Learning Academy charter School, effective in July 2015.

There was discussion regarding requiring all students to use VLACS

The Superintendent read Chapter 189:1-a, the duty of the school board to provide, at district expense, elementary and secondary education to all pupils who reside in the district until such time as the pupil has acquired a high school diploma or has reached age 21, whichever occurs first.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Mills
Superintendent of Schools

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