

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

September 8th at 3:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room

Attendees: Board President Janine Conway, Board Vice-President Richard Whittenberger, Board Member Cathy Mere, Fiscal Officer Don Hemmelgarn, and Director Christopher Siscoe

The committee meeting convened at 3:30 p.m.

The committee first reviewed the new fund and object codes required by the Ohio Auditor's Office for the calendar year 2024. After the Fiscal Officer explained the changes, the committee reviewed the temporary appropriations for calendar year 2024. Most line items were given modest increases to account for inflation. However, there are some appropriations that the committee wants to point out to the full Board:

1. The Fiscal Officer included an increase of 3% for all positions to give the Board an idea of the impact on the budget. He will be providing a spreadsheet of the expenses for the Board to know the potential cost of 1% to 4% increases in wages in 2024.
2. The Director asked for a \$2,000 increase to the materials budget to cover increasing costs, especially for e-materials.
3. The Building and Grounds committee suggested adding a second shed for library storage. Therefore the Fiscal Officer added \$10,000 to the 110-730 Buildings appropriation.
4. Money may be needed to update the ADA openers for the library doors. The Director is seeking estimates to bring to the Board in October to determine whether there is still enough money in the 2023 appropriations or if the project needs to be placed in the 2024 appropriations.

The committee directed the Fiscal Officer to send the temporary appropriations as is to the whole board to be passed out at the September 2023 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Board President



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