

**Mason Public Schools
Finance & Property Meeting
Monday, January 9 at 5:30pm**

A Finance & Property meeting of the Mason Board of Education was held at the Harvey Educational Center on Monday, January 9, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Kurt Creamer, Ralph Beebe, Cheryl S. Wald, Ron Drezwicki

Also Present: Jerome Brzezinski, Kevin Jones, Eric Haynie, Kristin Higgins, Tim Ayers

Phone System

Jerome and Kevin reported that MPS phone system is well past its life expectancy and experiencing significant issues. They are requesting quotes for a new VOIP based phone system and should have pricing by the next F&P Meeting.

2016-17 Budget Revisions

Cheryl provided a detailed proposal of budget changes as well as a full reconciliation of the 2015-16 audited financials versus the revised budget. We reviewed all of the proposed changes.

Monthly Budget Update

Cheryl provided a monthly budget update as of November 30, 2016. There were no questions.

Epic MRA Survey Research Services

Ron updated us that the School Study Committee voted unanimously to request that Epic MRA perform a community survey to better understand the community's responses to different potential school projects. There was discussion concerning the effectiveness of the survey, the costs and the reception of the results by the Committee.

Playground Improvement Project

The Scope of Work prepared by GMB to update the playgrounds at all of our Elementary Schools will go back out to bid in January with a deadline of February 3rd. We hope to get multiple and more favorable bids this time.

Thrun Retainer Agreement

We need to renew our annual retainer agreement with Thrun to continue to use their services. The cost of the retainer increased from \$1800 - \$1950. Everyone agreed that we have been very happy with their services

Copier Lease

Cheryl informed us that they had received at least eight (8) bids to update and replace the copiers as MPS. The two low bids have been asked to provide demo units for testing. Cheryl hopes to have a final recommendation at the next F&P Meeting.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2016 at 5:00pm.