

# One Mill Oversight Committee

Approved Minutes

March 4, 2024

**Members Present:** Debbie Gallagher, Chair                      Jean Robinson  
Eric Godet    Adrian Taylor

**Members Absent:** Harvey Budd                                      Albert White  
Sam Goforth    Janie Williams

**District Staff Present:** Keith Birkett, Chief of Finance  
Dr. Cathy Atria, Deputy Superintendent  
Jackie Johnson, Director of Communications & Community Initiatives  
Patty Underwood, Communications Office

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Gallagher called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting at 4:02 p.m. Self-introductions were made.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION** Keith Birkett went through the Oversight Committee Report and the year-by-year increases.

In the budget is the provision of upgrading technology and 14 technicians for the massive computer refresh which will be coming up soon.

Since the beginning of the One Mill we have brought in 221,780,903 and expenditures have been 214,730,566. The budget, by state law, should be 96% of 100% collections. There is not a lot right now but the balance is growing and will continue to grow over the next month due to tax revenues coming in.

**ONE MILL RENEWAL** Jackie Johnson went over Resolution No. 24-03, the ballot language for the upcoming renewal of the One Mill. There was no change in the language from the past ballot language. This will be translated into Spanish and the Elections office will go over it for corrections if needed. It will then go to the County commission for approval and then back to the elections off to be placed on the ballot.

Needed are outside volunteers to help get the information to the public. We will need some publicity committees made up of community members and businesses since the school district is very limited on what it can do and not do as far as distributing information. This group/committee will purchase ads, yard signs, participate in the special events, make presentations, etc. They should also be able to get endorsements from businesses and community leaders.

Names of possible leaders for this group can be sent to Jackie Johnson to get us started in the process of organizing.

In the meantime, the district is still allowed to say thank you to the public when organized events are held that involve programs funded by the One Mill, such as concerts, performances, art exhibits, etc. Also, all district computers have an opening statement of our technology being funded by the One Mill.

**NEWBERRY  
CHARTER  
CONVERSION:**

The Newberry Charter Conversion was discussed with some questions.

Basically, any parent and/or any employee can request that a traditional public school be converted to a charter school, which then sets the election process in motion. First 50+% of parents will have to approve and 50+% of classroom teachers. The charter would be run for up 5 years by the City of Newberry Voting for parents is one vote per household per school, while the voting teachers must be classroom teachers only.

Newberry is stating that they've not been getting their fair share, or any, of the One Mill funds. A handout was distributed by Jackie Johnson showing how much they have actually received over the course of the One Mill.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Membership:** Jackie Johnson will follow up with members of group to see who would like to continue serving or not serving. If openings become available then replacements will need to be found.

Annual Board Presentation: We need to have a date to present the yearly One Mill overview to the Board. Summer was talked about but it was decided to schedule this during school time so maybe a One Mill-sponsored choral performance could be presented. It was decided that the second meeting in April would be good so April 16 was agreed on. Needed is a school to present a performance which Jackie Johnson will look into. All members of the One Mill Oversight Committee is encouraged to attend along with Debbie Gallagher who will give the Oversight Committee presentation to the Board.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES:**

Motion by Eric Godet and seconded by Jean Robinson to approve the minutes of April 13, 2023.

Motion passed

**NEXT MEETING:**

October 30, 2024

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.