

# One Mill Oversight Committee

## APPROVED MINUTES

April 13, 2022

**Members Present:** Debbie Gallagher, Chair Janie Williams  
Harvey Budd Jean Robinson  
Sam Goforth Ian Fletcher (in for Eric Godet)

**Members Absent:** Albert White  
Adrian Taylor  
Eric Godet

**District Staff Present:** Alex Rella, Chief of Finance  
Talia Ford, Director of Budget/Finance  
Jamarr, Community Engagement Coordinator

**Other Visitors:** Carmen Ward, ACEA and Crystal Tessman, ACEA

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Then all attending was asked to introduce themselves.

Frequency of meetings was mentioned in that the committee needed to meet more than once a year—go back to two meetings a year instead of one.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from April 13, 2021.  
Motion by Harvey Budd, seconded by Sam Goforth, Passed

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:** Alex Rella began by ensuring that all knew the purpose of the committee was to review the expenditures and ensure that monies were being spent according to the One-Mill specifications and that he also appreciated the committee's work.

He then began to go over the Financial Report with the group.

Comments were made in reference to number of Charter Schools, classroom techs, computer carts, WIFI-enabled laptops that students can check out. We are using both ESSER funds and the sales tax to help with these items.

It was noted that the guidance fund jumped in general as the need to counselors, guidance services increased. Guidance is also addressing needs of students and having a temporary person (a clerk) to help out.

The cost per students was mentioned and the fact that it's important where we spend the money student-wise. Question on how many elementary schools we have that have more than 800 enrolled—and that would be probably four with Wiles Elementary having over 900. The new elementary school has not relieved the larger schools since it turned out to be a transferred school. Seven hundred is a "good" spot for enrollment.

**DISCUSSION:** We need to hold meetings somewhere other than the district office.

Let the community, other groups and churches see that we're spending money on more than just students—like technology. Letting the public know that every single student, at some point, is touched by this money. It was mentioned to have a “brand” (image, stamp or logo) placed on computers and other technology showing it was purchased with funds from the One-Mill. Let the public be more aware of what the One-Mill is doing. And, it was mentioned that some of this was already being done. There could be a contest to have a student come up with the logo, or several logos.

We need to fund more art exhibits, high school musicals, music performances and making the public aware that they are funded by the One-Mill and saying to the community “Thank You.” We should also make people aware that we don't vote at our meetings, that it is an oversight committee.

Is there a place for adults to do on-line courses, get their high school diploma, credit retrieval. Do adults use any of our buildings? We need to make sure adults who need a couple courses to be able to attend a class to finish their high school education. They should be able to come back into the system and finish their high school. What happens to the 10% that drop out?

**NEXT MEETING:** The time and place for the next meeting will be determined.

**ADJOURN:** Motion was made to adjourn.  
Motion by Harvey Budd, seconded by Sam Goforth, Passed