

# Jonathan Alder Local School District

Financial Advisory Council

Central Office Board Room (228)

September 24, 2013 (6:00-7:30 pm)

## Tentative Agenda:

### I. Welcome and Introductions:

Members Present: Mr. Aaron Johnson, Mr. Doug Schrock, Mr. Shannon Foust, Mr. Brent Lombardi, Mrs. Heidi Kellet, Mrs. Bethany Beachy, Mr. Steve Votaw, Mr. Gary Chapman

Review of purpose/function and primary roles of the Financial Advisory Council: 1) Communication, 2) Stewardship and 3) Community Perspective

### II. Background of School Funding/Finance

Mr. Johnson provided a brief overview of the history of school funding in the State of Ohio

### III. JALSD Five Year Forecast-

An updated five year forecast was presented and reviewed:

The District has seen an incremental loss of federal stimulus dollars and state funding cuts over the past three years.

Health insurance costs have accounted for the majority of increases in expenditures.

Discussed industry standard of 1-3 months operating cash reserves

The District is projected to see a slight increase in state funding for the FY 14.

Reviewed current enrollment and enrollment projections

#### a. Issues & Challenges Facing the District

- i. Insurance- The District is currently operating under a self-funded plan with the employees paying 20% of the costs.
  1. The district is pursuing a premium holiday during the month of December.
  2. The district, in collaboration with the District Insurance Committee is exploring cost saving options within its current plan. They will also be looking at/considering consumer driven plans as ways to save dollars and stabilize year-to-year increases.
  3. The district's ability to sustain a self-funded plan was also discussed
- ii. Future of Employee Compensation- The district believes in and values the work of its employees. Compensation should be fair, yet attract and keep high quality employees. A

combination of traditional and creative (attaching a % of compensation to student performance) methods were discussed.

- iii. Athletics- It was reported the actual amount for athletics that has been spent out of the general operating funds. Districts typically pay for part or all transportation out of the Athletic budget.

|                | 2013    | 2012    | 2011    |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Salaries       | 203,221 | 199,420 | 204,439 |
| Transportation | 21,341  | 20,954  | 21,939  |
| Maintenance    | 12,908  | 12,472  | 4,594   |

**IV. Possible Options & Forecast Simulations-**

Reviewed District tax effort comparison and average cost per pupil spent

Forecast simulations were presented based upon various income and property tax amounts

- V. **Schedule Next Meeting Date & Possible Agenda Item:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next scheduled meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 7 with a start time of 7:00pm.

**(Handouts)**

- ✓ JALSD Five Year Forecast
- ✓ Enrollment History
- ✓ JA Levy History
- ✓ JALSD Insurance costs & Claims Funding
- ✓ CUPP Report (District Profile)
- ✓ 2013 Measures of Success
- ✓ State Employment Relations Board (SERB)
  - Key Findings- Cost of Health Insurance in the Public Sector
- ✓ ODE's Forecast Explanation Sheet