

Colerain Township Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)

Minutes

October 3, 2011

Mr. McVay called the meeting to order at 6:30PM with all members present: Thomas Hart, Dennis Mason, Douglas Michel, Richard McVay and Scott Taylor.

The Committee considered the minutes from the July 18, 2011 meeting. Mr. Mason made a motion to accept them with corrections noted, and Mr. Taylor offered the second. All voted "aye."

Mr. McVay offered some background of events since the committee's last meeting. At the last Trustee meeting, Mr. Ritter asked the department heads to make a proposal for cost-cutting, in the amount of 36%, by mid-October. The FAC's 2012 Temporary Appropriation Review meetings with the departments are to be pushed off to give the department heads time to work on the reductions. Mr. McVay said he received an e-mail from Mr. Ritter asking the FAC to defer the "deep dive" meetings with the departments until mid-November. This would allow some breathing room to figure out the new normal financially and operationally. Mr. McVay said he would meet with each Trustee to review the expectations they had for the FAC.

Mr. Mason said this is not a "gotcha" committee.

Mr. Taylor said he doesn't understand the nervousness as we're here to help. They can use this body as a resource. They are putting the FAC back in the box in a time when we can add some value. We should be allowed to continue on.

Mr. McVay said we should let the process unfold.

Mr. Hart said we should let the department heads have time to think through the process. He said he was hired to do the budget before Mr. Foglesong came on board and it's a lot of work. We should listen to the department heads and the reasons where they made cuts.

With no further business to come before the Committee, at 7:05 PM, Mr. Mason made a motion for adjournment and Mr. Hart offered the second. All voted "aye."


Fiscal Officer


Committee Chairman