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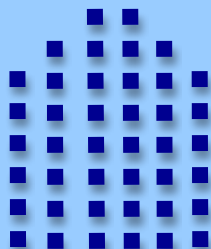
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FROM THE DESK OF TOD A. HUG:

1% INCOME TAX LEVY RENEWAL:

The Board of Education has approved the two resolutions needed to place the renewal of the 1% Income Tax Operating Levy for a continuing period of time, on the ballot for the November 8, 2011 general election.

The 1% income tax operating levy, originally approved by voters in November 2007 is up for renewal. The Board is seeking this levy to be renewed for a continuing period of time. *The funds for this Operating Levy are used for the general operation of the school district.*

As a result of a change in school funding approved by the state legislature in July 2005, our school district lost over \$600,000 annually from the loss of payments in lieu of taxes from enterprise zone agreements with local industry, also known as Donations from Enterprise Zone Agreements. As a result, our district was forced to seek local funding to replace this lost revenue. This income tax levy collects approximately \$750,000 annually, depending upon the local economy.

With the combination of the expenditure reductions made, the continued conservative approach of our Board of Education and administration, and the collections from the 1% income tax, the school district has been able to continue operations and maintain the services most important to our local school district and community.

For the SIXTH consecutive year: The Ayersville Local Schools receive "Excellent" rating from Ohio Department of Education's Local Report Card:

Our school district was once again notified of its "Excellent" status by the Ohio Department of Education.

Our school met all 26 of the state indicators and also had a "Performance Index" of 105.2, which is the highest performance index for our district to date (last year was 104.6). For more information or for specific scores, the Ohio Department of Education website is: <http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/>.

This recognition of an "EXCELLENT" school district is a community achievement.

The sign in the lawn of the school will again be updated to denote the 2010-2011 achievement, and new banners will be hung in each school building. One of our main objectives is to continue to be accountable to our community for the benefit of the children of our district. We will continue to seek your support so that we are able to maintain the status of an **“Excellent School District”**.

OHIO SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMISSION OFFER OF FUNDING:

The Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) has offered our school district the opportunity to share the costs of a local school construction project this fiscal year. The local share of the project is 48%, while the state’s share is 52%.

The Board of Education accepted this offer so that our district will have options in the future.

As the district has been provided this opportunity, all that needs to be done to proceed is to pass a bond levy for the local share of 48%. However, this story does not end there. If you have followed this process the last few years, you know that there is an “issue” with the OSFC equity ranking formula that negatively impacts our local share. This issue is tied to the often-discussed loss of tangible personal property dating back to July 2005.

We are being held to a district valuation that we no longer have. We are slowly reaching our equitable share, but we may not reach that until 2016. In response to this issue, we have sought help in passage of legislation to recognize our district valuation as it stands today, rather than what our value was six years ago. However, Governor Kasich vetoed this legislation when he signed the biennial budget bill in late June.

The battle is not yet over; we continue to seek relief on this issue by teaming with other schools in our area impacted by this same issue and hope to have our day in Columbus in the near future.

Ironically, our share of a building project continues to improve as the most recent OSFC equity list shows that our new local share is now down to 41%, which is a reduction of 7% from the current offer.

Our research indicates that we could potentially receive up to 72% from the OSFC once this issue is resolved. We are attempting to get this adjusted as soon as possible so we can take advantage of the state’s share of a building project.

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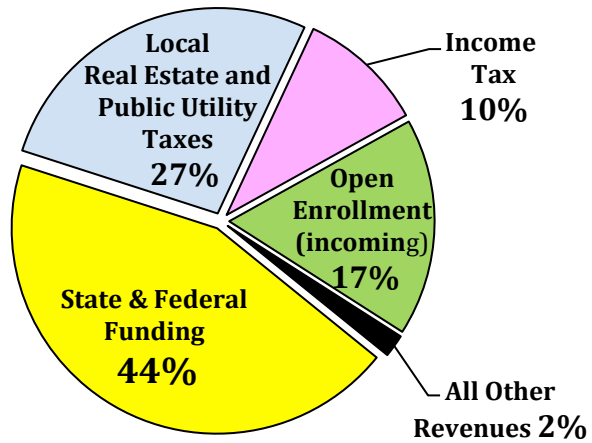
FROM THE DESK OF CONNIE NICELY:
2010-2011 Financial Results – General Fund

The General Fund is used for the daily operations of the school district. Salaries, benefits, utilities, transportation, and other operational items are paid from this fund. The General Fund is separate from other funds such as Permanent Improvement, Athletics, Food Service, Natatorium, and Student Activities.

Revenue for the General Fund in the 2010-2011 fiscal year (FY2011) totaled \$7,543,014 -- just a 0.2% increase over FY2010! As local property and income taxes were below FY2010 levels, state reimbursements and open enrollment revenue increased. The percentage of each major revenue source for the General Fund in FY2011 is shown below.

**FY2011
General Fund
Revenue**

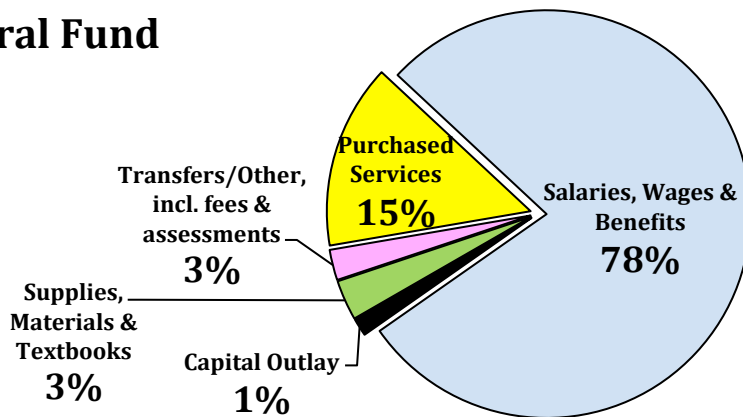
\$7,543,014



Expenditures from the General Fund in FY2011 totaled \$7,249,574. This represents only a 0.7% increase over FY2010. This small increase follows a 1.8% increase in FY2010, and three previous years of decreased spending. The graph below shows the breakdown of last year's expenditures, by major category.

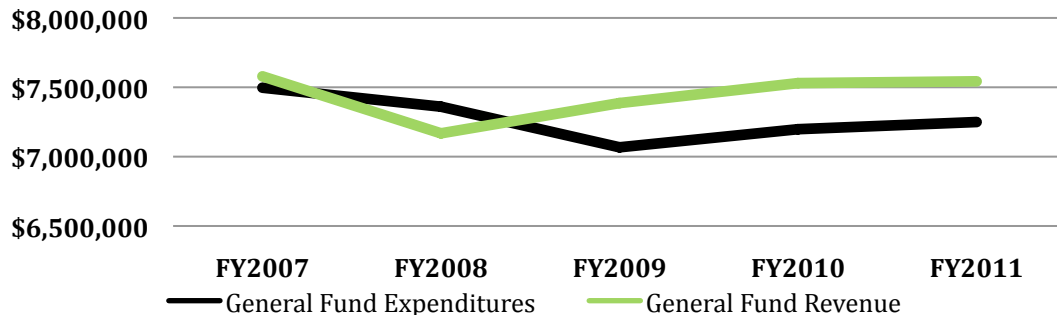
**FY2011 General Fund
Expenditures**

\$7,249,574



The chart below is an update from last year at this time, showing our revenue and expenditure trend in the General Fund over the past five years. **On average**, over that time period, our annual revenue in the General Fund was \$7,441,244, and our annual expenditures were \$7,274,367.

General Fund 5-Year Summary



Federal School District Fiscal Stabilization Funds that replaced state funding have expired, but we will be able to utilize funding through the Federal Ed Jobs Program for this year only to help bridge this gap. Other unknown or changing factors such as the new state funding formula passed with the latest state budget, student enrollment, the revaluation of district property, and the economy all have the potential to impact the district's revenue.

THE AYERSVILLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION:

The Continuing Mission of the Ayersville Education Foundation:

The Ayersville Education Foundation (AEF) was established in 1995 as a non-profit, community trust. The purpose of the Foundation is to further enhance the quality education of the Ayersville Local Schools. Contributions to the AEF are used to prepare Ayersville students for future endeavors through relevant educational programs and activities and through improvement of facilities and equipment. Your contributions are tax deductible and can be made in any amount throughout the year. Additionally, the AEF provides 2 - \$1000 college scholarships each year to two graduates of AHS.

The AEF needs your support. If you would like to contribute to the AEF, you can do so in many ways:

Outright Gifts such as cash or stock; *Deferred Gifts* which are bequests, life insurance and trusts; *Special Gifts* which can be specified toward programs; *Incremental Gifts* planned over a period of time and *Memorial Gifts* in honor of loved ones.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the current members of the Board of Trustees of the AEF: Rick Edmonds (President), Wayne Erickson (Treasurer), Lisa Brown (Secretary), Lynn Davis, Keeta Diller, Dan Frederick, Tod Hug, Rod Martin, and Craig McKibben.

BOE
Meetings
7:00 pm
HS Library

Oct. 17th
Nov. 21st
Dec. 19th
Jan. 16th
Feb. 20th
Mar. 19th
Apr. 16th
May 21st
June 18th

YEARBOOK ORDERS:

2012 yearbooks can be ordered on-line at www.josten.com for \$40 along with FREE name stamping on the cover if ordered by December 19th. In-school orders are \$40 and an additional \$5 for name stamping if ordered by December 19th. All order forms for IN-SCHOOL orders are on the school website and available in Room 201. Please fill out the order form and send a check or money order made out to Ayersville High School Yearbook. Orders placed AFTER December 19th will be \$40 plus \$5 for name stamping. Class of 2012 Seniors—please don't forget to submit a baby picture to Mrs. Fedderke BEFORE Thanksgiving.

There are still a few extra 2011 yearbooks available for \$60 each.

3rd ANNUAL PACK-A-BUS AND THE HALLOWEEN PARADE:

Last year, Ayersville and Tinora students worked together to collect donations to pack a school bus full of non-perishable food items for local food pantries. These items, along with items donated at the Halloween Parade, were taken to the food pantries in our immediate area. Ayersville and Tinora are participating for bragging rights in this friendly competition again this year! Please help us support this worthy cause by donating items. K-6 students can bring their items to their classroom teachers. 7-12 students have already been given designated places to bring their donations. The bus will be parked in the south parking lot the evening of the Ayersville vs Tinora game on October 14th. Donations will also be accepted at that time. Let's show our friends across the river how to really "Pack-a-Bus"!

The 66th Annual Defiance Lions Halloween Parade will be Saturday, October 29th, starting at 7:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy the parade, support our junior high and high school bands, as well as help area families - all at the same time. Don't forget your donation of a non-perishable food item!

FFA FRUIT SALES:

It's time once again to order fruit from this year's FFA members. Orders can be placed beginning October 21st through November 15th. You can call Mr. Don Hammersmith at 419.395.1111, extension 119, or see any FFA member. Fruit will be delivered the week of December 22nd. **NEW THIS YEAR:** All orders must be PREPAID before the order can be placed.

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST:

Several times a year, we sponsor a breakfast for our district's senior citizens. These are becoming quite popular and are regularly well attended. They are always full of timely information and delicious food. Please consider joining us for our next breakfast. No reservations are necessary. You're sure to run into your friends and neighbors! Mark your calendars for 8:30 a.m. on October 20th, April 19th and May 24th.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 10-11 Book Fair in auditorium lobby from 3:15-7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 14 Pack-A-Bus in south parking lot before Tinora FB game
- Oct. 24 Grades 1 and 2 music program in RBL Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 25 Grades 1-4 Grandparents' Day program (gr. 1-2 a.m. & gr. 3-4 p.m.)
- Oct. 28 End of 1st quarter
- Oct. 29 Defiance Lion's Club Halloween Parade at 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 30 National Honor Society Induction at 7:00 p.m. in RBL Auditorium
- Nov. 8 & 10 P/T conference, grades 7-12, 4:00-7:30 p.m. in H.S. café
- Nov. 10 & 14 P/T conference, grades K-6, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 19 Variety Show in RBL Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 23-25 No School-Thanksgiving break
- Dec. 11 Grades 7-12 band concert in RBL Auditorium at 3:00 p.m.
- Dec. 20 Grades 7-12 choir concert at RBL Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 22 1 hour early dismissal
- Dec. 23-Jan. 2 No school-Christmas break
- Jan. 3 Classes resume
- Jan 5 Spelling Bee, Grades 5-8 at 8:20 a.m. in RBL Auditorium
- Jan. 13 End of 2nd quarter
- Jan. 16 No School- MLK day
- Jan. 24 Defiance County Spelling Bee in RBL Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 28 Music Booster's Reverse Raffle at 6:00 p.m. in café