

# Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio

## Treasurer's Financial Summary and Analysis

March, 2014

### GENERAL FUND

	2014	2013	2012
Beginning Balance 3/1	\$2,942,204	\$3,008,709	\$2,949,353
Revenues	597,859	530,458	564,609
Expenditures	634,992	781,981	819,612
Ending Balance 3/31	<u>\$2,905,071</u>	<u>\$2,757,186</u>	<u>\$2,694,350</u>
Monthly Change	(\$37,133)	(\$251,523)	(\$255,003)
Yearly Change	(\$298,495)	(\$441,232)	(\$705,104)

#### **Introduction**

A school district's General Fund is its main operating fund containing most of its operational costs and the revenues to support those operations. This is why the emphasis of this financial summary and its comments is the General Fund. A comparative view of three years activity for the General Fund for the month of March is presented above. A summary of March's results, particularly concerning any financial events causing a variance from the normal cash flow cycle, is included below. Any review of the District's should include an understanding of our cash flow cycle. The District receives only State funding during most months of the year and State aid is not enough to cover monthly operational costs, resulting in operating deficits.

#### **General Fund, Cash Flow Results in March 2014**

March 2014 General Fund Revenues were greater than it has been in the two previous fiscal years resulting from increased State Funding. Total annual revenue, not including transfers, is up \$348,000. Again, this is due mostly to increasing State Revenue, but added into that are Casino Taxes and BWC reimbursements. Additionally, our property tax settlement, due in April, is expected to increase from the previous year.

March expenditures were down significantly from the two previous fiscal years. In the previous years, March had been a three pay month, whereas in the current year it was in February. Overall expenditures are up approximately \$205,000. The increases are \$60,000 in salaries, \$130,000 in purchased services, and \$140,000 in materials and supplies (textbooks), offset by a decrease in Benefits of \$100,000. The increases in all were in line with forecasts except for purchased services. Purchased Service increases, as noted in previous months, are due to increased open enrollment out expenses of \$60,000, a \$59,000 increase in utilities.

#### **March Summary and Outlook for remaining Fiscal Year**

March has generally been a down month for the District and results in negative cash flow, it should be noted however, that a good portion of this deficit in previous years was due to it being a three pay month, but the District has taken the appropriate steps to mitigate this problem. All things being considered, March was a positive month for the District. Additionally, the District is in a much better fiscal position than we have been in previous years. Our annual deficit, though still substantial at \$298,495 shows a marked improvement over the previous years. Overall revenues are continuing to outpace the forecast for the fiscal year, whereas, expenditures are about where expected. Our string of deficit months will end in April with the tax settlements paid by Lawrence and Gallia Counties. We should end April with a healthy surplus. Without any unexpected challenges popping up, current expectations would be for an improvement over our 2013-2014 forecasted results.