

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio

Treasurer's Financial Summary and Analysis

February, 2015

GENERAL FUND

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Beginning Balance 2/1	\$3,076,637	\$2,908,563	\$3,106,620
Revenues	569,257	650,312	527,691
Expenditures	<u>600,401</u>	<u>616,671</u>	<u>625,602</u>
Ending Balance 2/28	<u>\$3,045,493</u>	<u>\$2,942,204</u>	<u>\$3,008,709</u>
Monthly Change	(\$31,144)	\$33,641	(\$97,911)
Yearly Change	(\$212,705)	(\$261,362)	(\$189,709)

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 February is presented above. A summary of February'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 February 2015

February 2015 General Fund Revenues were in line with historical trends. The change from 2014 to 2015 is entirely due to the State Foundation payments not having included out annual "catch-up" payment. In previous years, this payment was between \$80,000 and \$100,000. In my most recent conversation with the kind folks at ODE, they are not at all confident about when this payment will be made.

The decrease in expenditures is due to the purchased services costs moving more into line with annual expectations. In previous months, these costs were slightly inflated due audit costs being billed in February of the previous year.

February Summary and Outlook for remaining Fiscal Year

February has historically been a down month for the District that results in negative cash flow and this month stayed in-line with those expectations. Unfortunately, ODE's lateness in incorporating new student count numbers (both local ADM and Open Enrollment) is leaving the District in a very precarious position for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. We are so late into this year, that any negative fiscal change will impact the year over results to a much greater degree than would ordinarily be expected. As noted last month, my level of concern with the lateness of our "catch-up" payment is growing and any negative changes in this count would leave the District very little time or ability to adjust.