

Symmes Valley Local School District, Ohio

Treasurer's Financial Summary and Analysis
September, 2017

GENERAL FUND

	2017	2016	2015
Beginning Balance 9/1	\$5,571,207	\$4,671,707	\$3,215,405
Revenues	729,995	914,523	603,285
Expenditures	823,099	718,988	576,462
Ending Balance 9/30	<u>\$5,478,103</u>	<u>\$4,867,242</u>	<u>\$3,242,228</u>
Month Over Change	(\$93,104)	\$195,535	\$26,823
Cummulative Change	\$442,533	\$391,356	\$35,144

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 September is presented above. A summary of September's results, particularly concerning any financial events causing a variance from the normal cash flow cycle, is included below.

General Fund, Cash Flow Results in September, 2017

The first item to immediately jump off the page is the decrease in revenue between 2016 and 2017, but this is more the result of timing and not a negative turn in fortune as the results would imply. In the previous fiscal year, we received additional funding in the form of Rollback payments from the State, Medicaid reimbursements and E-Rate reimbursements in the amount of \$158,000. We would ordinarily see those payments in October, and this year they have reverted back to the historical timing. This should serve to give a boost to October results. We will also begin to feel the full impact in HB 49 with the second State Foundation Payment which we will receive on October 27. At this time I am cautiously optimistic. Enrollment is up from the previous fiscal year, and the State did bump per pupil funding by \$10. We have fared better this year than we did, as a whole, over either of the previous fiscal years.

The increase of \$105,000 in expenditures is due to increased technology spending through the purchase of Chromebooks (\$63,000), NEOLA Contract (\$10,000), SERS Underfunding (\$24,000), and website and water tank maintenance (\$14,000). The only concerning payment above was the SERS underfunding which is the result of an estimate I make of all classified salaries in the beginning of each fiscal year. Ordinarily, we do a much better job on this, but the current year brought with it some changes in the SERS Surcharge calculation and I missed it. This will be cleaned up in future fiscal years. Overall, expenditures are down approximately \$200,000 from this same period in fiscal year 2016 and should continue moderating for the next 2 to 3 months.

September Summary and Outlook for remaining Fiscal Year

September has historically been a down month for the District and results in negative cash flow. This year went with historical trends, but with the caveat that there were some out of the ordinary expenditures. The District only receives state funding during the month and it alone is usually not enough to cover our cash flow needs. The District, however, has made great strides in bring expenditures to a lower level (decisions made over the last three or four fiscal years are paying off) and this has resulted in these improvements. Looking forward, October will bring with it the new State Foundation calculations from ODE. As has been alluded to, we are expecting this to bring with it positive economic news, but the caution I noted earlier is due to the waiting game we are now playing with ODE and what it verifies as our enrollment.