

WUSD SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Summary

Present: Steven Lawrence, Scott Lantsberger, Don Beno, Laura Twining, LaReisha Johnson, Sue Brothers, Marty Ofenham, Kendra Reynolds, Grace Chin, Mike Woodcock, Tom McNinch, Crystal Miller, Diana Blackmon, Julie Hoskins, Catherine Milk, Tim Grisaffi, Jen Hicks, Stephanie Gregson, Ryan Gonzales, Carmelita Goldsby, Catherine Mills, Robin Courtright, Mary Ann Colby

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Scott A. Lantsberger, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. Scott gave a brief explanation of the hand outs.

1. Role of the Superintendents Budget Advisory Committee
2. Overview of School Finance
3. Criteria Ranking Worksheet

Scott then discussed the role he hoped everyone would have in coming up with grass roots ideas that move up the ladder to cabinet and then to the Board. Scott reminded people not to overreact to the information that would be discussed during the meetings and encouraged people to quell rumors should they occur.

Scott had everyone turn to page 3 of the first hand out. He said he was not going to read through the whole handout because it was similar to last year.

- He explained how we would be meeting every week and why so often.
- He said that he doesn't think the current year would be affected, but that the Governor's Budget would give us better insight.
- He said that the only bad idea was one that was never expressed.
 - Said it was important to keep track of negotiable and non-negotiable items
 - Stressed that student achievement was still the most important factor
 - Briefly explained GAAP state accounting guidelines that had to be followed

Scott had everyone turn back to page 2 of the first hand out. He had everyone look at Budget Priorities. He stated it was very important to keep in mind the long term impact of a short term gain.

Scott started to go over the second handout referring to it as Finance 101.

- He explained the oversight agencies and talked about how another district had received a "lack of going concern" letter sent to them when in financial distress.
- Scott explained what FCMAT does.
- Brief discussion of ADA and how we were actually in deficit of \$1,248.62 per ADA.

Scott proceeded to go over the third hand out asking anyone if they wanted to add anything to it. Mike Woodcock, Principal at Riverbank suggested putting additional information on the sheet showing items that had already been cut/partially cut; for example school site budgets.

The final handout was passed out and put up on the overhead screen. It was a comparison of other School Districts and the cuts they have made or were considering. Scott discussed some of the items that other districts had eliminated or reduced such as;

- Salary Concessions
- Class Size Reduction in both High School and Elementary
- Transportation reductions
- Prep period elimination
- Shorten school year
- Shorten school week
- Library Reductions

Scott then gave an example of how Dixon had cut their athletics program only to have to reinstate it when ADA dropped dramatically as a result. It was noted that we were fortunate to be in a position to learn from other districts trials and attempts to manage the fiscal funding cliff. LaReisha Johnson, Principal at Westfield asked about the process of closing a school. Diane Blackmon asked about closure with collaboration. Scott addressed both issues and explained the impact each could potentially have.

Scott briefly discussed the First Interim Budget touching on a few key points

- District's always wants to remain positive so that local control is maintained
- The impact of not having the one-time revenue reduction from fiscal 2009/10 reinstated and how it would impact the work of the Budget Advisory Committee.
- The amount we may need to reduce on-going expenditures by

Scott called the meeting to a close at 6:30 p.m.