

Budget Development
7/23/2018
10:30am-12:30pm
Administration Office – Room 137

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hardebeck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abby Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Harder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Bica	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Hambuch-Boyle
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kay Marks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Schmitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Koller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Goings	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Goings • Nothing today 	
2. Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Safety • Guaranteed that we will get some portions • Some parts are competitive 	
3. Contracted Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abby's PowerPoint • EXPENSES • Supplies • General, Apparel, Equipment, Computer Equipment, Other • Half of the \$1.5M is the tech refresh • iPads are under general supplies based upon DPI standards for individual pricing • Decrease in Trifecta workers comp from all of the hard work HR is doing • Other – unemployment and self-funded loss • Paying debt numbers will come soon • Looking for fees and dues to reduce as 42K seems high • Still invoices coming in from 2017-18 year – numbers will change a little • Salary and Fringe went up 1% • Contracted services went down 1% • REVENUE • Looking at a \$2M decrease in tax levy – state aid will go up • Revenue vs operating – \$2M deficit • Budget is a work in process – nothing is finalized until October • At that point we do another review for what is a want vs need – based upon enrollment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fund Balance



- Important to know the Board priorities – need to finalize in August
- We need a lot of things, but we are forced to make a choice
- 2nd year mentor program – wanted – not essential – could see reductions if needed – we don't want to do these
- Would help us to have importance based upon strategic plan – then we will bring forward?
- How does it align? Do board policies change that vastly?
- Can shift to what the whole Board thinks is important at this time
- Everything is always a priority, but what order do they fall into with relativity to the strategic plan
- We are in a holding pattern at this point – need to tie up loose ends
- Do we have July projections from previous each year?
- We tend to be better than projected
- Things come up that you cannot prevent that have a budget impact
- Will levy the full amount \$5.8M
- Hard to put numbers on because of other pieces that need to be put into the budget – safety grant
- What are the 2018-19 priorities? – meeting mid-August
- Deferred items? Included or not?
- Musical Instruments, B&G equipment
- OTHER, Year 2 mentor program, Proposed reduction in athletic fees
- Board approved mentor program up front – will come to Board again today – 7-23
- Do we have data on families that open enroll OUT?
- Yes, we do – and we can get data
- Do we support private/non-ECASD beyond what's mandated by state law?
- Large Scale donations – Sarah French – Foundation
- Foundation has been growing and establishing grants and funds since Sarah came
- What is donor potential for music and B&G – each school has wish lists – equipment may not be in our best interest – expected to come out of our budget



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How aggressive are we – is it just putting things on the list? • Pretty robust – taken approach we want to keep giving money away • Do you think that people think that District is on the top for donations? • People think of particular causes • There is donor fatigue – because of Confluence Project • All non-profits are dealing with reluctance to hold meetings because they have committed so much • Joint partnership – alumni and foundation matches • Class reunions – have some things in the works • Untapped from former employees and retirees • Do we see any questions on iPads for tonight’s meeting? • Haven’t heard any feedback about these specific iPads • Appreciates meetings 	
4. Wrap Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Dates • OPEB meetings were well received • Should we have budget meetings for staff – how do we know they are knowledgeable? • Once budget is set, we talk about the budget at each building • Each school’s needs are talked about at Abby’s meetings • Leadership teams talk about SIP plans • Is it put into context of federal funding? • This is part of the overall messaging • A common question is: Why if we had referendum – can we not get what we want? • We asked: Did we want to survive or thrive? We wanted to survive to get the referendum to pass • Voucher program is growing – but we are levying the full amount • Matches the kids that attend, but not all of the other things, PD, Transportation, Tech, Title • \$1M doesn’t come directly to the school – it goes to the private schools • The District is a passthrough for the private schools • Easy to think of priorities for new dollars • In reality it could be good to talk about reduce not remove • Important to see the whole picture 	✓



- And understand the decision-making process
- Staff have a certain perception that is widespread and how do we get the fuller picture out – clearly explaining
- How does the Board look at things more global instead of individual things?
- If staff understood Board process that would be helpful
- Look at budget communication
- Anytime you need to revisit something – you can explain, but they are on the losing end – you won't like the decision – no matter how it gets communicated – people will be disappointed
- Talk about the good things – only the bad things
- We tried with staffing – whether or not people are listening or susceptible to receiving the information
- Board would like the 2 sentence, 2 paragraph, full synopsis
- There has been a lot of communication
- When we problem solve - are we complaining of the symptom – what about the cause
- We need this detail – it isn't bullet points anymore
- Ultimately comes down to Principal to carry message
- Website resource that Board/someone can send people to, to include these instances on what and why
- Explain how it relates to the big picture
- Was it a bad plan or is it funding?

Next Meeting: 7/23/2018