

**Mascenic School District
Advisory budget Committee (ABC)
Meeting #1, November 28, 2018 10 am**

Present: Julie Lampinen, Earl Somero, Mindy Buxton, Jim Lewis, Steve Russell, David Leel.
Interested but unable to attend: Danielle Sikkila, Mike Pellerito

Welcome: Board Liaison to the Committee Julie Lampinen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Committee Chairperson: The consensus of those present was to delay the election of a chairperson until all of the members of the ABC were present.

The members learned that Jessica Cote would not be able to participate in the committee's work due to professional commitments. (It was noted that the language included in the committee's charge noted that the committee "may consist of not more than 5 members". It was the general consensus given the short timeline and the work to be done that the committee should proceed in their work with the remaining members. Steve Russell also agreed to check with the Board/Board Chair on this matter. (In a later conversation Board Chair Stephen Spratt agreed with this sentiment.)

ABC Charge, Responsibilities & Timeline: Julie reviewed the Board Charge & Responsibilities. Discussion followed on the timeline for the committee's work. The following schedule of meetings was agreed to:

- December 3, 6, 12 & 14th with all meetings to be held at the SAU office at 10 am. (An additional meeting to be held if needed on Monday December 17th.)
- Report to School Board: December 17th 6pm School Board mtg.

FY 20 Work to Date: Jim & Steve reported out on the work done to date on the FY 20 budget which included copies of projected revenues, anticipated state adequacy aid for Greenville/New Ipswich, Draft #2 of the line item budget, the additional considerations list (11/27/18), Capital Reserve Warrant articles and the general state of teacher negotiations. Committee members were asked to review these materials in preparation for questions/discussion at the next meeting.

General Discussion: Julie opened up the meeting for general comments/questions. Among the topics discussed were:

Hiring a Human Resources person or a consultant
Program Improvement proposals at the high school
Pre-vocational and vocational (CTE) classes
The re-affiliation with the ConVal School District/CTE Programs
The BMS "choice" blocks

Our kindergarten program

Next Meeting & Agenda: The next meeting will be held on Monday December 3rd at 10 am at the SAU office. Dr. Russell outlined the next steps to be taken in this work including a review of the line item (detail) budget and the “additional considerations” list.

Adjournment: Julie thanked everyone for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 12pm.

Minutes approved 12/3/18.