

**Mascenic School District  
Advisory Budget Committee (ABC)  
Meeting #3, December 6, 2018**

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

**Welcome:** Committee Chairperson Earl Somero welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked everyone for their support of his promotion to Committee Chairperson.

**Minutes of 12/3/18 Meeting:** It was the consensus of the committee to approve the minutes of the Dec. 3rd meeting on a motion by Dave, second by Julie and affirmative committee vote. (Julie, Steve & Jim abstaining)

Follow-up on Committee Questions:

**Chromebook costs to purchase vs lease.** Information obtained from Matt Ballou the District's Director of Technology was provided. The outright purchase of the chromebooks proposed for purchase this year would be \$10,250. The annual cost of a 3 year lease followed by a \$1 purchase plan would be \$3,417. (The present is to enter into a 3 year lease/purchase agreement.)

**Uniform Replacement Schedule.** Dr Russell contacted the high school athletic director and middle school principal. While neither school presently has a uniform replacement schedule in place, they agreed to provide the ABC with a list of the purchase dates by sport for consideration. (pending)

**HVAC Systems.** Gary Somero has been away since the last meeting. In lieu of gathering the information from him it was agreed that he would be invited to the next ABC meeting to discuss committee members questions.

**Update on School Board Budget Discussions:** Julie reported out on the issues that the Board was currently working to address. These include the expected reduction in state aid, unfunded mandates (handout provided), the review of the 3rd draft of additional budget requests and ongoing efforts to further reduce the FY 20 budget. She also reminded Committee members of plans to re-affiliate with the ConVal CTE programs and plans to meet with their Director and Superintendent to review the programs that will be made available to MHS students. Julie extended an offer for ABC members to join in the next Board Budget Work session on December 17th @ 5:15.

Dr. Russell updated the Committee on the work underway at MHS related to student and staff survey data that was recently distributed (copies provided), MHS staffing levels compared to

other high schools of comparable size, planned changes to the program of studies and ongoing discussions related to the high school schedule. He explained that further information would be distributed as available.

**Review of FY 19 ABC Report to the Board** - Julie shared a copy of last year's ABC powerpoint demonstration/report that was provided to the Board. Discussion followed as Committee members offered potential FY 20 Budget recommendation. These included:

- Support for and the expansion of pre CTE (vocational) and CTE classes at MHS and through ConVal.
- That the Board use remaining funds (rather than seeking additional appropriations) as a means of funding some of the requests contained in the FY 20 budget proposals.
- That efforts continue to be made to establish/promote student internships/partnerships with area businesses.
- That student's coursework carryover into school activities/events i.e. morning announcements, sharing of videos of school/sports events, etc.

Questions remain on whether the Committee wishes to take a position on the over-all FY 20 Budget proposal and capital reserve warrant articles being proposed.

**Next Meeting & Agenda:** The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday December 12 @ 10 am. Agenda items to include extending an invitation to Gary Somero to speak with the Committee on the HVAC request, review of additional information requested and preparations of the FY 20 Budget Recommendations to the Board.

**Adjournment:** At 11:40 Mindy made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Dave and approved. Earl thanked everyone for coming.

Approved: 12/12/18