

**Mascenic School District
Advisory Budget Committee (ABC)
Meeting #6, December 17, 2018**

Present: Earl Somero, Julie Lampinen, Jim Lewis, Steve Russell, Mindy Buxton

Interested but unable to attend: Danielle Sikkila, David Leel

Welcome: Committee Chairperson Earl Somero welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of 12/13/18 Meeting: It was the consensus of the committee to approve the minutes of the Dec. 13th meeting on a motion by Julie, second by Mindy and an affirmative committee vote.

Unfinished Business

Window Film and/or HVAC Systems recommendation - The Committee members reviewed the details concerning prior discussions on the Tinted Window Film in helping to manage both room temperatures and safety. Earl asked if in an emergency students/staff would be able to break through the film? Jim responded that yes they would although it would require the same amount of additional time required to break into a room. Jim also noted that the film was applied directly to the window glass and would not interfere with the operation of the window/door itself. At the conclusion of this conversation the Committee recommended School Board consideration of purchasing the film through the use of grant and/or other available file and that the Board support the more general approach to the HVAC needs at MHS. Specifically to include a study of the current HVAC system rather than simply replace the older units.

Kindergarten Expansion - The Committee members discussed the pros/cons of including the addition of two half day sessions of kindergarten in the general FY 20 budget or as a separate warrant article? It was decided that they would recommend this proposal go to the voters as a separate warrant article to both raise the level of community awareness of this need and "let the voters decide".

Van Lease - Discussion took place in regard to whether to recommend the leasing of a 12 passenger van be included in the general budget or as a separate warrant article? Committee members recommended that this request be included as part of the general FY 20 budget.

Handouts: Steve shared information on the current numbers of staff by category: Teachers - 95, Para-professionals - 26 and non-union employees 53. A handout on MHS enrollments compared with full time equivalents of staff for the past 5 years was also shared.

FY 20 Budget Report/Recommendations to Board

Using a powerpoint template/draft, Jim led the ABC members in several "dry run rehearsals" of the planned report to the Board scheduled for July 17th.

Next Meeting: Thursday January 3, 2019 @ 10 am.

Agenda: Items to include a review of the proposed teachers contract, other FY 20 budget developments and plans for the Jan. 7th public hearing.

Adjourn: At 11:55 the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved 1/3/19

**Mascenic School District
Advisory Budget Committee (ABC)
Meeting #7, January 3, 2019**

Present: Earl Somero, Julie Lampinen, Jim Lewis, Steve Russell, David Leel, Mindy Buxton (via Facetime).

Interested but unable to attend: Danielle Sikkila

Welcome: Committee Chairperson Earl Somero welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of 12/17/18 Meeting: It was the consensus of the committee to approve the minutes of the Dec. 17th meeting with minor corrections on a motion with by Julie, second by Earl and an affirmative vote.

Unfinished Business

Review/Votes on Warrant Articles

(Article I, two board member seats)

Article II - FY 20 Operating Budget

The proposed FY 20 Budget reflects an increase of .4% over the FY 19 budget. This change was made at the prior school board meeting to reflect the cost of leasing a van for the upcoming school year. This budget now totals \$19,211,637. Dave made the motion for the ABC to approve the budget. This motion was seconded by Earl. Mindy was able to participate via Facetime. The motion was approved by a quorum of the committee.

Article III - Collective Bargaining Agreement

A one year settlement of a teacher's contract in the amount of \$182,000 was reviewed/discussed. Issues related to health insurance benefits, salaries comparable to surrounding towns, language changes, etc. were discussed. Dave made the motion that the ABC recommend approval of the CBA. Earl seconded the motion and Mindy, Earl and Dave approved the motion.

Articles IV, V & VI, Capital Reserve

The committee members reviewed the creation of a Food Service Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve article in the amount of \$1,000, a Maintenance Capital Reserve article for HVAC replacement & system study for \$50,000 and an Employee Healthcare Capital Reserve in the amount of \$25,000. Dave made the motion that the ABC recommend voter approval of

these reserves in the amounts specified. It was seconded by Earl and approved with Mindy via Facetime.

Article VII - Kindergarten Program Expansion

Members of the ABC expressed support for this warrant article. Dave made the motion seconded by Earl to support this article. The motion was approved 3.0.

Other: Middle School Uniform Inventory

Steve/Jim provided the committee with updated version of the BMS uniform purchases and inventory. (Several versions received previously were incorrect.)

Jan. 7, 2019 Public Hearing

The ABC members discussed plans for the public presentation of their findings at the upcoming public hearing on the FY 20 Budget and related issues.

Next Meeting: This was the last "official" FY 20 budget meeting of the ABC. Earl and Julie thanked everyone for participating in the process.

Adjourn: At 11:10 the meeting was adjourned.