

## Advisory Budget Committee Meeting

November 7, 2019

9:15AM, SAU training room

Present: Earl Somero, Danielle Sikkila, David Leel, Tara Sousa, Julie Lampinen (Board representative for budget committee), Chris Martin (SAU), Frank Markiewicz (SAU) Jim Lewis (SAU).

Julie accepted facilitating the beginning of the meeting.

Agenda:

- 1.) Introductions. The meeting began 9:20AM. The attendees introduced themselves.
- 2.) Chairperson. Danielle moved to nominate Earl to be chair of the committee. Tara second. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3.) Secretary. Tara nominated Danielle as secretary. Earl second. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4.) Status.
  - Julie highlighted the role of the committee is to review the drafts of the budget and make recommendations to the school board. She explained how it was completed the last couple of years.
  - Frank added that he believes the consensus is that we should try to keep the budget as flat as possible. In addition, Frank explained that adequacy aid this year would be \$330k, the GMR would be 9.5% and we were looking at about \$2m for insurance. He will project the costs for a single, two-family, and family, and reminded the committee that we were in the process of two negotiations.
  - Tara indicated the tax rate in Greenville would be \$27.39, which would be a decrease of \$1.83. Tara always mentioned the tax bills were going out today.
  - Julie mentioned that mentioned the SAU is always available to answer questions in addition to answering them at the ABC meetings.
  - Earl requested enrollments for the current year v. the prior years.

5.) Meetings.

-The team discussed meeting times and the vehicle used to communicate meeting times.

-The possibility of assigning a Mascenic email for each board member was discussed.

-The team agreed mornings would be best to meet and the planned to establish meeting on every other Thursday at 9:00 was accepted. However, upon looking at the calendar and realizing the need to meet more frequently, the team agreed to meet on November 21<sup>st</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>, with a plan to present the ABC's recommendation to the board on Monday evening, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

7.) The chair solicited more discussion for this meeting, and then seeing none offered for a motion to adjourn. Tara seconded. The committee adjourned at 9:59AM.

8.) Next meeting at 9:00 in the SAU training room on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Lewis  
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