

ABC meeting
December 12, 2019
SAU Training room

9:05 called to order

Present: Earl Somero, Chris Martin, Tara Sousa, Julie Lapinen, Frank Markiewicz, Jim Lewis, Danielle Sikkila, Tom Falters (9:15).

Excused: David Leel

Earl Somero called the meeting to order at 9:05

The minutes from the December 5th meeting were distributed and read. Tara moved and Julie second to approve the minutes of November 7th with the correction of a typo - Passed unanimously. We agreed the last names should appear in the attendance section.

Earl opened up the meeting to a discussion regarding the items at the “end of the budget,” referring to the new items suggested added to the budget.

The Committee agreed to support the ESOL person

After an in-depth conversation regarding the redesigning of the Assistant Superintendent position to a Curriculum of Instruction and Assessment position, the committee agreed to support it. The discussion included seeking the right person for the position, a remembrance of challenges in the past, and the fact that redesign will cut approximately \$36k for the budget.

We discussed the non-CBA staff salary increase and the consideration for the change in staff contribution to health insurance. We agreed this could be a sensitive issue and encouraged the board to consider further research before deciding on an amount for benefit contribution.

Discussion regarding combining the BMS .5 Rtl position and the MRHS ELA teacher could present an opportunity to hire one person, who could be shared. The committee supports the plan.

Frank offered information regarding future funding, expanding on the fact the district is likely to receive a one-time \$1.2m increase of adequacy aid in 2021. He cautioned that could possibly have a perceived attitude that the money would be available each year.

Chairman Somero accepted a motion for adjournment from Tara at 10:04. Danielle seconded the motion. Passed unanimously