



## **Budget Development and Input Committee Meeting Minutes**

**May 25, 2017; 8:30 a.m.**

### **Central Administration Office – Board Room**

**Present:** Board Vice President Brent Seaks (Chair), Board President Sarah Ricks, Superintendent Douglas Sullivan, and Assistant Superintendent Vince Reep. Also present was Mrs. Twila Petersen.

**Called to Order** – Chair Brent Seaks called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda Items** – Mr. Seaks requested to add the topic of Administrative Support under “Other”.

#### **Old Business** –

**Adult Learning Center Building** – Mr. Reep stated a meeting was held with City Planner Walter Hadley to discuss the lot the Adult Learning Center building is located. At the meeting, it was shared with the District that the Steffes storage building would also need to be sold along with the Adult Learning Center building as they are all on the same lot. District administration will continue reviewing options for the property. There was a discussion regarding the furniture and equipment from the Adult Learning Center and Hagen Junior High building that will not be utilized by the District.

#### **New Business**

**K-5 Embedded Technology Initiative** – Superintendent Sullivan reported the District-wide Technology Committee has had some very in-depth and thorough discussion regarding the 1-to-1 technology initiative. During the discussion, the committee changed the term from 1-to-1 to embedded technology. The Technology Committee came up with a couple of different alternatives in terms of implementing the technology. Dr. Sullivan distributed a handout with the options. He noted the plan developed by the Technology Committee was to have one device for every three students in grades K-2 and to have one device for every two students in grades 3-5. The Technology Committee preferred the HP 450 and the iPad mini devices. Within the handout was information regarding the cost for the devices. There was a discussion regarding the five-year replacement rotation. Vice President Seaks inquired how much more this would add to the cost of the replacement rotation. Mr. Reep responded approximately \$225,000. Some buildings have more devices and therefore it may cost more. It is possible that some devices could be held longer than five years before replacement. Vice President Seaks referenced the profile of a graduate. There was a discussion regarding the mill levies if the District would decide to go with the option of purchasing the larger quantity of devices the first year. Dr. Sullivan added another option where the devices are placed in the hands of the teachers in the fall and then make them available to the students the beginning of 2018.

**2017-2018 Budget** – Mr. Reep noted the Dickinson Education Association ratified the Professional Negotiated Contract this morning. The Board will consider the contract at its meeting this morning. In terms of budget, he is estimating this will be an additional \$863,000

item to the budget. The cost of health insurance is still unknown. There will be a Self-funded Health Insurance Committee Meeting in June. Mr. Reep noted the 2017-2018 budget will be a deficit but he was comfortable with the amount which is currently approximately \$300,000. The administrative salaries are still being negotiated. There are little things, such as Gearing Up for Kindergarten, that will need additional funding.

**Other** –

**Administrative Support** - Vice President Seaks referenced a discussion at a previous Budget Committee Meeting regarding providing additional administrative support, such as the Teacher on Special Assignment. Now that some of those pieces are falling into place he requested the administration review some of the administrative needs. Dr. Sullivan said he would go to the Cabinet members this fall and ask them to reprioritize the list. Vice President Seaks added to also do a timetable for the items. With the mills and deficit spending as components, how critical are those needs. Mr. Seaks was willing to address the items even if the District is deficit spending. Mr. Reep explained the position would not be available for the 2017-2018 school year. President Ricks noted that there would need to be an administrative position when Berg Elementary reopens in 2018. Dr. Sullivan referenced the cost of approximately \$1.2 million to reopen Berg. He was not sure if that amount included the new principal at Berg.

**Adjournment** – Chair Seaks declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.