

## Finance Committee Meeting

**DATE: October 5, 2016, 7:15 PM**

**LOCATION: Nokomis Regional High School**

**Members Present:** Robin McNeil, Susie Hopkins, Evelyn Hickey, Corinna Caron, Samantha Brown, Bill MacDonald, Don Mendel

**Staff Present:** Mike Hammer, Trish Hayes

1. Public Comments: None

2. 2016 – 2017 Budget:

Mr. Hammer passed out a list of changes to employees benefits since the FY17 budget was originally created. Mike explained that we don't know during the budget preparation process who will be making lifestyle changes that will reflect in increases to the budget in the coming year. The changes listed reflect newly awarded advanced degrees, changing or adding insurance coverages and corrections to salary steps. The open enrollment period for the RSU is during the months of May and June for July and September effective dates. The budget process is completed before the open enrollment period so this will be an on-going issue. Mike will include language in the next teacher's contract that will require prior notice of an advance degree so that we can budget accordingly.

Mike handed out a sheet prepared by the high school athletic director which listed the cost for transportation, coaching and officials for each of the sports offered at the school. The list contained the number of participants in each sport and a cost per student which ranged from \$226 per student to \$764. Members of the Board and public had requested this information.

Mike reviewed and discussed the list of additional potential cuts. He explained that he had worked closely with all administrators whose programs would be effected by the cuts listed and all were in support of the cuts. Mike explained that there is both risk and reward connected to all of the proposed cuts.

The Committee considered each item on the list of potential cuts. Each member was asked to vote on each item. The final results are listed below:

Draft      Draft      Draft      Draft

Suggested reductions for consideration by budget committee

\$5,000 High school officials **CUT**

\$6,000 High school athletic supplies **CUT**

\$5,000 Athletic inservice fees **CUT**

~~\$10,000 Special Education contingency~~

\$25,000. Bus fuel **CUT**

\$7,250 Tech equipment – Sebasticook **CUT**

\$78,000 Coach to Specialist - Newport Elementary **CUT**

~~\$100,000 FY16 Revenue Gap Relief (I'm not sure what Ray called it)~~  
\$6,000 Savings in Penquis CAP (three year olds filling unused spaces) **CUT**  
~~\$15,000 Books Special Services – choosing not to purchase new Aspire curriculum~~  
\$12,000 Special Services In-Service - teacher chosen workshops **CUT**  
\$20,000 Special Services Professional Services - hired speech instead of teleprompter services  
**CUT**  
\$7,000 POS software (point of sale) **CUT**  
\$6,333.00 Tech Equipment – Corinna **CUT**  
\$4,200.00 Tech Equipment – Hartland **CUT**  
\$5,000 Tech Equipment - St Albans **CUT**  
~~10/5/16 Total: 311,783.00~~  
**CUTS AGREED TO 10/5/16 \$186,783.00**

3. The Committee agreed to move forward with a referendum ballot with the National election on November 8, 2016.
4. Adjournment – 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Hayes, Business Manager