

Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: July 18, 2016

LOCATION: Nokomis Regional High School Library

Members Present: Susie Hopkins, Robin McNeil, Evelyn Hickey, Don Mendell, Corinna Caron, Bill MacDonald, Samantha Brown (arrived late)

Staff Present: Mike Hammer, Trish Hayes, Jan Morse, Suzanne Nowinski, Lori Merrow, Mary Nadeau, Denise Kimball, Liz Mares

1. Public – Mary spoke to further program cuts at the high school.
2. Mike asked for a sentence or two from each member so he can understand their mindset
 - a. Susie – Our job as board members is to present a budget that gives the students of RSU 19 the best education possible.
 - b. Robin – agrees but also thinks we'd be remiss if we didn't keep an eye or ear out for what the public feels needs to be done. She feels there is not a lot of fluff but there are cuts she feels can be made.
 - c. Evelyn – agrees with both but focus on education – even if it means we cut some things people won't like.
 - d. Don – has a broader view of education. Greeks had a good idea of education. Classical education for students. Allow students to use gifts and skills to best serve at the best cost we can to provide the best education at the best price. Values most direct services.
 - e. Bill – main goal is to educate the children of the district. Need to do a better job of educating the public as to what it takes to educate the children. #1 responsibility is to provide a good education. Improving the schools will help to improve the communities.
 - f. Corinna – need to find a balance between the need to educate and provide at a reasonable cost.
3. Mike handed out the DOE tuition listing showing RSU 19 is 5th from the bottom, and handed out a spreadsheet that shows the decrease in state subsidy and the increase in required local. Also talked about the budgets over the years from 2010.
4. Handed out the spreadsheet that shows the cuts made to date. He appreciates that the finance committee allowed him to slow things down a bit and meet with the admin team to discuss possible cuts. Working within the time allowed he was able to shift positions and come up with \$324,000. He is not happy with the cuts offered, but it is an attempt to hurt the least. He asked to stand corrected if he presents any misinformation. Mike handed out a special ed worksheet from the DOE data warehouse and a handout prepared by Liz of special ed teachers, students, etc. Questions asked by the committee and answered by Liz. Don spoke to the need or not for 504.
5. Reductions that Licia came up with.
6. Ray's handout was reviewed and discussed listing budget adjustments discussed at the July 15th meeting. Robin mentioned that it was not all assistant principals but the HS assistant principal that was up for discussion on July 15th.
7. Discussion of the list presented by Mike (positions):
Sub shift from local budget to Title: Robin – yes, Evelyn – yes, Don – yes, Sam – yes, Bill – yes, Corinne – yes pay from TITLE.
Savings in Title – Rowell – in EDS, Cloonan – Literacy Coordinator. All yes

Savings in Reading Recovery – Denise – can fill in need without the Reading recovery person. YES

Two classroom teachers

St Albans teacher– Robin – yes, Evelyn – yes, Don – table, Sam -, Bill – yes, Corinne - yes

EDS teacher –

Facilities cuts – Susie – yes, Robin – yes, Evelyn –yes, Don – Sam – Bill –yes Corinne - yes

Bus – cut yes

Assistant Sp Ed Director – Mike is not in favor of this cut. Leaves too much exposure. Bill is against this and trusts his admins to give him accurate info. Don – opposed for a different

reason. Don't need position. Susie – Robin – yes, Evelyn – yes, Don – yes, Sam – yes, Bill – no,

Corinne – yes

ADJOURN: 9:15

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Hayes, Business Manager