

Ways & Means Meeting 10/30/2019 Attendance: Frank Brown, Jack Bielagus, Jeff Candito, Christine Grayson, Victoria Parisi, John Glover, Kelly Schmidt, Terri Behm

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Chair Frank Brown discussed that he will lead the meeting, and we will all be aware of not interrupting others.

Discussed status of subcommittee meetings and reports.

SAU sub committee meeting is 11/13 at 2pm at Brick School.

Discussed 11/4 ASB meeting: We will give feedback subcommittee by subcommittee.

Special Services Discussion. Lead, Frank Brown, went over his minutes. Open question: Where is special services transportation accounted- special services or transportation? Discussion surrounding the 2 new hires. Work was covered by contractors previously and now 2 new hires will be district employees. We believe this is ASD/ASB cost reduction strategy and control over program in-house: ESOL will bill back to each district where needed, and One new BCBA hire at Clark will have one at each school building. Noted by ASB representatives to portray it as such rather than 2 brand new positions.

Curriculum Discussion. Lead, Victoria Parisi, went over her minutes. Budget is mostly stable. Increase in Math in Focus cost is for teacher access. ASD arrangement to receive 6 years of access when adopted this program has now expired, requiring this cost. Rather than getting a new program requiring new textbook purchases, ASD is sticking with this program to save costs and due to lack of finding a better learning material. The cost of the curriculum coordinator was discussed as it was not filled this year. It is believed that the ASD will keep this cost in the budget. Evaluation software was discussed. Frontline includes all software for teacher evaluations, absences, and professional development. The tripod survey is also in this line (\$3,700 at CW, \$3,700 at AMS). Discussion was had to the relevance of this at Clark-Wilkins and AMS. If not requiring or using the data, ASB should consider funding.

Capital discussion led by Jeff Candito. Decrease in interest payment due to paying principal payment down.

Miscellaneous discussion led by Jeff Candito.

Discussed cost of treasurer. Several things were zeroed out, later found to be a mistake (legal fees, school board memberships), and are expected to be added back in at some point.

Clark-Wilkins discussion led by Kelly Schmidt. Recap of the subcommittee meeting included the following: Discussion about the organization of the salary line items in the budget documents. Staff will move to carts if additional classroom teachers are added. Principal Parrill's top request to add to the budget is the 3 recess monitors to support common expectations during the recess and lunch portion of the students' day (social emotional needs). There are a few staff member positions who will be examined by Michelle regarding classification as special services or CW staff. Concern was raised at the sub committee meeting about not meeting targets for student/teacher ratio. Addition of 2 classroom teachers is in current budget version. Discussion about the budgetary impact of a mixed grade classroom (K/1) was asked at the sub-committee meeting. Discussion of the kindergarten model: Currently, each classroom has 1 teacher plus 1 para. The additional cost of hiring a newer teacher would be \$25,000 and would help attain student/teacher ratio. (Mathematically, you pay new teacher at \$50,000, currently paying the para \$25,000. Paras already receive health benefits.) May not have space currently but going to a 15 students per 1 classroom teacher is an option if you change the model.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectively submitted,  
Victoria Parisi