

School District Budget Committee School Board

Joint Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2022

Budget Committee Members

Present: D. Coakley, L French, G. Groff, M. Mackey, C. Mower, M. Murphy, R. Paepke,
N. Schoenfeld, and E. Wilson

Excused: S. Albuquerque, M. Bronchuk and C. Lang

School Board Members

Present: L. Rothhaus, L. Peters, J. Hardy, K. Martin and N. Halter

Also Present: Superintendent B. Olsen, Business Administrator M. Shevenell, Assistant
Superintendent for Curriculum A. Doyle

School Board Chair L. Rothhaus opened the joint meeting at 7:12 PM and introduced Budget
Committee Chair C. Mower.

C. Mower asked Budget Committee members to introduce themselves and stated that S.
Albuquerque, M. Bronchuk and C. Lang were excused.

L. Peters explained the School Board's budgetary priorities for the year include:

- Social and emotional learning
- Competitive pay and benefits to retain the staff and fill open positions
- Alternative pathways to graduation
- Technology needs
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Safe, secure, clean, and healthy facilities & equipment
- Research-based reading program
- Elimination of the Brentwood Building
- Possible performing arts center
- Expanding extended learning opportunities

B. Olson gave an overview of the proposed budget. He said Administration has developed a
budget to meet the needs of every single child in the District and, that even though enrollment
numbers are down, the proposed budget includes requests for additional staff:

- Reading specialists at each Elementary School
- Director Extended Learning Opportunities

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- District Registrar
- Additional High School Guidance counselor

L. Rothhaus said that staff is doing a full assessment of all schools with regard to school safety issues. She said that safety updates would be added to the Capital Improvement Plan.

M. Shevenell said that the district had acquired \$120,000 in grant money from the SAFE Schools Grant Fund. He said more funding may become available.

L. Rothhaus asked the members of each body to suggest issues that each felt were important and which needed to be addressed.

Issues raised during the ensuing discussion included:

- Individual learning
- Possible reduced state funding
- Competency assessment
- Standardized programing
- A new progress monitoring tool (IReady)
- Roof replacement projects
- Updating curriculum
- High school accreditation process currently underway

L. Rothhaus thanked the members of the Budget Committee for attending and declared the joint meeting closed at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich