

Budget & Finance Committee Meeting  
January 4, 2022  
5:45 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:50 pm

Present: Michael Brennan, Business Manager  
John Chandler, Board Member (via phone)  
Lucas Christensen, Asst. District Superintendent  
Kelly Firmbach, Board Member, Committee Chairperson  
Suzanne Guntlow, District Superintendent  
Anne Schaefer, Board Member

1. M. Brennan opened the meeting reviewing the Budget Calendar and Process. Both will be reviewed by Michael Brennan at the upcoming Board Meeting on January 11th, as well as provided on the District Website.
  - J. Chandler raised the issue of stimulus funds being exclusive of budget funds. M. Brennan confirmed that stimulus funds are separate and held in Grant Funds.
2. M. Brennan reviewed the definition of “Rollover Budget” for new Committee member, A. Schaefer, and reminded committee that the provided numbers are preliminary and need to be treated as such until more definitive numbers are provided by the State.
3. M. Brennan reviewed the Rollover Budget, noting that the Benefits and Debt categories are the most difficult to predict and reminded the committee that we’re working with estimates only at this point.
  - Defined Account Codes (1000’s, 2000’s, 5000’s)
  - CSEA and Superintendent contracts are current
  - Nurses contract just completed
  - Teachers Retirements are not included, as no way to predict who will be retiring. As these are announced, savings will be realized.
  - M. Brennan reminded Committee to keep in mind when noting budget increases, that correlating aid will increase as well to offset those numbers.
4. M. Brennan covered next steps, which will be to review the Preliminary Budget at the upcoming Regular Board Meeting on January 11, 2022.

Respectfully submitted 1/6/2022, Kelly Firmbach