

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Budget Committee - Meeting Notes
October 3, 2018

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Chief Operations Officer and Budget Committee Chair Andy DeGraw called the committee meeting together at 5:31 p.m. in Room 426 of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present

Chief Operations Officer, Chair Andy DeGraw
Chris Benshoof, FEA Member Representative
Coby Haas, FEA Member Representative
Teresa Lesage, FPA Member Representative
Bruce Bell, FPA Member Representative
Charles Rollins, ESSA Member Representative
Bethany Spence, ESSA Member Representative
Tom Bartels, School Board Member and Board Treasurer

Committee Members Absent

Scott Eickholt, At Large Community Member
Danielle Malenius, Student Representative (Ben Eielson JR/SR High)

Staff Present

Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent
Heather Heineken, Director of Business Services & Risk Management Liaison
Sandra Weaver, Budget Specialist

Chief Operations Officer Andy DeGraw opened the meeting and shared that the Legislative Committee will address retirement when they meet.

PowerPoint – 2019-2020 Budget Committee

Andy walked through, and discussed topics from a PowerPoint – October 3, 2018 Budget Committee

The 2019-20 Budget Committee Meetings are taped and are uploaded to the budget committee page.

There was a variety of topics discussed during the meeting that included a variety of topics such as:

- ✚ MyBudget File program was implanted in one year (2018-19).
 - As with any implementation of a large program, moving from one budget program to another, there were things learned that will be adjusted for future budgets.
 - Subs/Temps – possibly a further distribution of budget for subs and temporary employees
 - Professional Leave – can it be another line item for subs?
- ✚ Fund Balance
 - It's responsible
- ✚ Legislative Committee to begin at the end of November
- ✚ Budget Cuts
 - Approximately 300 less students will impact the budget
 - Elections could impact state budget
- ✚ Community Survey for the budget
 - Timeline mid-November
- ✚ The school district should ask for what we need
- ✚ What should the requested amount be to the borough?

- ✚ Safety is a big expense
- ✚ Competitive product are the home schools
- ✚ Topics that the committee could forward to the School Board
 - Equipment Replacement Funds
 - Quality Staff
 - Quality in Schools
 - Professional Development
- ✚ Status quo will still have an impact to budget; enrollment is a big factor for the budget
- ✚ We received flat funding from the state for 2019-2020
- ✚ A new charter school is coming in 2019-2020 “piece of the pie”
- ✚ Negotiations will be held in 2018-19
- ✚ Out of Attendance – families must supply transportation on their own
- ✚ October 17, 2018 meeting moved to October 24, 2018
- ✚ Between Thanksgiving to Dec. 4 schedule a new meeting to discuss the budget survey

Adjourned at 7:02 p.m.