

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Citizens' Budget Review Committee - Meeting Notes
Administrative Center – Board Room
520 Fifth Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska
February 27, 2019

[Budget Committee Webpage – Audio](#)

Chief Operations Officer and Budget Committee Chair Andy DeGraw called the committee meeting together at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room 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
Charles Rollins, ESSA Member Representative
Bethany Spence, ESSA Member Representative
Erin Morotti, School Board Member and Board Treasurer
Bruce Bell, FPA Member Representative arrived 5:40 pm
Teresa Lesage, FPA Member Representative arrived 5:48 pm

Committee Members Absent

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

Staff Present

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

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

Andy walked through, and discussed topics from the agenda.

Reviewed the PowerPoint – 2.27.19

District work towards the Recommended Budget, but will keep scenarios in mind
Andy reviewed the 2019-20 Recommended Budget overview.

Topics discussed:

- Thirty retirees known at this time, will need to hire teachers for 2019-20 with this information
- Juneau updates:
 - 270 Million Statewide cut to education
 - Eliminates \$30 Million supplemental funding
 - \$30 Million reduction to FNSBSD
 - Additional cuts to local government
 - Approximately BSA Reduction \$1050
- DW supports
- School Supports
- Student Supports
- Class Size
- Msg. to Juneau on timeline “please get the work done now by the end of March, so we can meet contract obligations” (for FEA notices)

- Andy reviewed the budget survey
- Pay to Play – Helps offset activity cost
- Transportation:
 - Director Ryan Hinton mentioned RFP within the next 10 months.
 - Enrollment decrease effects Transportation
- Closing of a school data being created
- With F-35's coming, cannot reduce base schools
- Priorities:
 - Make legislative priority, retirement
 - Develop system wide rollout of technology plan
 - Fund balance
 - Model for supports
- 10 million left in fund balance
- 7 million - roof projects
- Borough caps at 20 million
- Fewer accountants, fewer directors, set a ratio
 - AP's, secretaries, etc.
- Projected enrollment looking lower than what is expected, looking at outreach to Crawford families
- Rather than waiting for August, can we get the figures now for enrollment?
- OAA – once they are in they are grandfathered (daycare)
- ERISF - Devices equitable, 4-year cycle, support for devices for teachers
- Technology support for the teachers
- Add instructional support for technology
- Districtwide AP is a good investment
- Structure for success, rather than reacting
- When PTR is high, it has negative effect
- Activity topic – fees – refs at BEHS cost more, partnering with groups
- How can we get the community involved – talking points?
- 1.6 billion deficit
- Facebook live – March 6, Weds at 5:30

Adjourn 7:03