

**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Citizens' Budget Review Committee - Meeting Notes  
Administrative Center – Board Room  
520 Fifth Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska  
September 26, 2018**

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Chief Operations Officer and Budget Committee Chair Andy DeGraw called the committee meeting together at 5:32 p.m. in the boardroom 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  
Scott Eickholt, At Large Community Member  
Danielle Malenius, Student Representative (Ben Eielson JR/SR High)

**Committee Members Absent**

Tom Bartels, Board Treasurer

**Staff Present**

Heather Heineken, Director of Business Services & Risk Management Liaison  
Sandra Weaver, Budget Specialist

Chief Operations Officer Andy DeGraw opened the meeting with introductions and asked the committee members to share topics of what they would like to get out of serving on the committee. Topics were:

- ✚ Voice of different stakeholders
- ✚ Using the Strategic Plan and transparency
- ✚ Help with struggles with funding
- ✚ Labor leader the teachers aspect
- ✚ Connection to Juneau
- ✚ Voice the students opinion
- ✚ Better high school opportunity
- ✚ Help reinforce the positive on public perspective
- ✚ More justification on why we are asking for funding
- ✚ Decisions need to be fully informed to make good input
- ✚ Direction of the monies
- ✚ Transparency important

**PowerPoint – 2018-19 Budget Committee**

Andy walked through, and discussed topics from a PowerPoint that included, committee timelines, committee best practice communication, funding sources, foundation formula, etc.

## **Review of the 2018-19 Committee Report**

District should establish a staffing allocation model

Based line on allocation model – expenditures

What is important?

Just not cutting the program, getting the input from members

Utilization of fund balance

## **What is important to us?**

### **Discussion on a variety of important topics included:**

Communications to the Borough

ERISF Fund

Establish equipment fund

Student Learning

Moving forward – recruitment of teachers

Quality employees

Organizational Excellence

Retirement – not good in AK, hard to recruit staff to Alaska

    Defined contribution

    Improve recruitment

Professional Development

What changed in the process?

Statewide issue – state looking at coalition

Staffing – connection with the university

What can we do to enhance?

Negotiations – something to help

Not satisfying the state constitution – retirement

Data to show change K-12 outcome after college

Technology – training, support

Military schools doing well

Equity – across the district

Some schools to choose – a lot is the school culture whether they have technology, or not

- Union – high school, lack of soft skills; communicate, be prepared, good practice
- Attendance matters
- CTE – working on DW
- Social Services Manager – good add to the district

## **Stakeholder Feedback: Survey Questions**

Suggestions made regarding the draft survey; Andy will forward the comments to the Superintendent Office.

Adjourn 7:02 p.m.