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Budget and Program Committee

May Butler Center
55 South Rodney, Helena, MT 59601

Friday May 11, 2018
12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I.** CALL TO ORDER
- II.** GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: *This is the time for comment on public matters that are not on the agenda. Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order.*
- III.** REVIEW OF AGENDA
- IV.** REVIEW OF MINUTES
 1. 4-6-18 Budget and Program Committee Meeting Minutes (See Attached)
- V.** DISCUSSION
 1. Middle School Budgets
- VI.** SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
- VII.** BOARD COMMENT
- VIII.** ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting – June 1, 2018



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Budget and Program Committee Meeting

May Butler Center
55 South Rodney

Friday April 6, 2018
12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance:

Tyler Emmert, Committee Chair
Terry Beaver, Vice Chair
Libby Goldes, Trustee
Greg Upham, Assistant Superintendent
Janelle Mickelson, Business Services Administrator
Jessica Evans, Executive Assistant
Joslyn Davidson, Curriculum and Instructional Administrator
Barb Ridgway, Staff and Student Administrator
Jilyn Chandler, Data and Assessment Administrator
Margaret Bentwood, Parent

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Tyler Emmert called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. REVIEW OF AGENDA

No Change

IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES

1. Budget and Program Committee Meeting Minutes 3-9-18 Approved.

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

VI. DISCUSSION

Assistant Superintendent, Greg Upham, led the discussion about Elementary General Education. Stating, “[we] are held to multiple guidelines and statutes...federal and state...our

policy, collective bargaining agreements”. Greg went over the enrollment sheet that is used as a “fluid document and changed weekly”. He discussed which employees were required by accreditation and those who are not. “Librarians, principals, counselors, and teachers are required. We are 20 to 1 with resource teachers. Federal components are 504, Title 1, mental health components...little above accreditation in counselors. Accreditation says you cannot exceed 20. Exceeding numbers help with busing and impacts community. If you can keep students in their neighborhood schools...makes for fewer routes, we still have routes because of overflow, but we have worked hard minimizing them”. Discussion about estimated barebones to meet accreditation. Janelle Mickelson stated the barebones is approximately “\$12,442,000 which is about 36% of general fund budget (in Elementary)”. “IDEA is not tied to the general fund, it’s a federal grant”, stated Janelle. Tyler Emmert asked, “what determines the IDEA budget?” Janelle responded, “it is based on both need an enrollment, Sean Maharg would know more”. Discussion about SACC enrollment, they are turned down based on enrollment availability. “There is a cash balance (in that account)”, said Janelle. Discussion about the General fund and what is included in it. “Health insurance is in salaries”, per Janelle. Tyler asked if “Utilities and custodial could be broken down by building?”. Janelle agreed. Next step is middle school, programs, and high school barebones. “We look at central office as a department”, Janelle said. Terry Beaver asked if “other districts do overflow like we do”. Greg, “I think they try to, yes. They do the sibling rule for sure.”. Terry asked if the “negotiated agreement needed to be renegotiated? Have they outgrown their need?” Greg said, “(some) need to, yes” Barb Ridgway added, “different programs allow different stipends”. Terry brought up a question regarding the combo classes, “are they meeting having trouble maintaining PLC standards?” Greg, “after talking to Sue Sweeney, things are going relatively well...standards are so clean they aren’t having issues...”. Tyler asked, “Will East Helena numbers affect the elementary?” Greg, “not enough”.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

None

VIII. BOARD COMMENT

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.