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## **Budget and Program Committee**

**May Butler Center**  
55 South Rodney, Helena, MT 59601

**Friday July 13, 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. 5-18-18 Budget and Program Committee Meeting Minutes (See Attached)
- V.** DISCUSSION
  1. High School Accreditation Standards
- VI.** SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
- VII.** BOARD COMMENT
- VIII.** ADJOURNMENT

**Next Meeting – August 3, 2018**



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**Budget and Program Committee Meeting**

May Butler Center  
55 South Rodney

**Friday May 18, 2018**

12:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

Tyler Emmert, Committee Chair  
Sarah Sullivan, Board 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  
Trish Klock, HEA President  
Margaret Bentwood, Parent

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Tyler Emmert called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

**II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**III. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No Change

**IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

1. Budget and Program Committee Meeting Minutes 4-6-18: one edit; "General" spelling error.

**V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**VI. DISCUSSION**

Assistant Superintendent, Greg Upham, started a quick review about class sizes and accreditation. Janelle Mickelson reviewed how schools are funded at the 7-8 level. Janelle went over the cost to meet accreditation and staffing compared and combined with K-5 accreditation. \$13 million was the dollar amount. Tyler Emmert questioned that number. Janelle explained “that includes utilities, etc., things you have to have”. “The majority of the budget is HR...”, Greg stated. Gifted and talented services were brought up; “by accreditation, GT services have to be offered, but it’s up to the school which model [is used].”, Greg stated. Libby Goldes said, “It would be good to compare Middle School budgets now versus the past”. Enrollment numbers were briefly discussed. “No one will truly know the number of East Helena students that will stay at HHS”, Greg stated. Libby suggested the “East Helena tuition rate is resolved after the school is built”. East Helena demographics and participation in extra curricular activities discussed. “A perfect boundary would be 80-85% compacity” Greg stated. “The community just passed an operational levy and bond and that says a lot...I think that needs to be protected...it is going to take a lot of conversation when you start talking about boundaries”, Greg said. Discussion about new schools helping balance HMS/CRA and HHS/CHS. “I would encourage tuition be as low as possible”, stated Greg. Discussion about MT City students. “I think that is a safety issue of driving over the pass”, stated Greg. Tyler asked, “Specific to the budget...10 million in salary, that’s not for accreditation...can we do more with the 10 million...are we doing it appropriately?” “unless there is something unseen, there’s really nothing there...there is a lot of Paras because they are needed”, stated Greg. Discussion around advanced math numbers. “ED ready doesn’t have a cost associated with it”, Joslyn Davidson pointed out. Tyler stated, “We still need to know what programs are offered and what those programs cost...a list of things we offer, not accreditation, that’s paid from the general fund.” More discussion about East Helena and tuition and what the HSD should do.

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

None

**VIII. BOARD COMMENT**

None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.