

DRAFT MINUTES

**Greenfield Public Schools  
Budget, Finance, and Negotiations Subcommittee**

**Date:** 2/11/16

**Time:** 5pm-7:30

**Location:** Conference Room  
141 Davis Street

**Attendees:**

Nunez (Chair)

Hollins

Tripp (until 6:20)

Harper

Barber

Garand

Woodcock

Toomey

Sinclair

Tom the reporter

**Supporting Documents Received:**

Draft 2 Budget Doc

FY17 Superintendent's Budget Options

Summary of Out of District Tuitions

*Printed from January 25th digital distribution:*

- Grants FY13-16
- Enrollment
- Capital Improvements
- FY13-16 budget comparison

**Call to order:**

**5 pm**

**Agenda Items:**

1. Public Comment--No

2. No Review of minutes
3. Unfinished business from 2/5/16 (Continued deliberation on FY17 proposed budget with the goal of reaching consensus on a recommendation to the full committee and providing feedback to the Superintendent and Business Manager.)
  - a. Intro, goals, thanks
  - b. Input on budget presentation
  - c. Howie: intro to draft documents. Overview of changes from draft 1. Clarification of offsets. Review of Budget. Discussion on fixed costs and significant increases including Transportation and Unit A.
    - Howie clarified that the teacher contract would require new funding of \$312,000 -- approximately 2% on the base of last year's budget. And he clarified that contracted transportation requirements would amount to approx. 1% on the base. That left all other adjustments presented and supported in the 2nd draft at approx 1.3% on the base of last year's budget.
    - . . . transportation director was going to look at how purchase of a replacement bus or buses would affect the nearly \$200,000 increase in contracted transportation.
    - \$44,000 contract stabilization line item is asked to be removed, but dollar value assigned elsewhere.
  - d. Priorities discussed:
    - i. New positions should have high benefit. (SH, AN)
    - ii. Sustain Level 1 & 2 district (SH, AN)Support for:
    - Professional Development (SH suggestion to make district-wide line item/PD plan, AN in support of current professional development, not necessarily one line item.) Support for 10 additional secretary days (SH, AN)
    - Parent and community outreach (SH, AN)
    - effort made to cut down from first draft budget (SH, AN)
    - Sustain level of enrichment at all levels, but discussion focused on HS. (SH, AN)
  - e. Discussion on delivery of budget package: focus on looking forward and evidence of past efforts; simplicity
  - f. **Consensus reached (AN,SH) to recommend that the full committee support Draft 2 of the superintendent's FY17 budget of an increase of \$762,140 (or less) over FY16 budget. Discussion noted that Howie will further review and refine the draft and this may result in further offsets or reductions.**

4. New Business--None

**Adjournment time: 7:40 pm**

**Goals or Committee Recommendations:**

- Review the Capital Improvement funding available for vehicles (\$70,000) to apply to purchase of mid to large sized bus to help cut field trip outsourcing costs.
- Create line item for consultant services to review current operations and look for ways to improve, specifically: SPED 5-10,000.

**Next Meeting: TBD**

**Submitted by Adrienne Nunez**