

GREENFIELD SCHOOLS  
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF 2.12.2018  
3:00 p.m. Central Office

With subcommittee quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 3:11 p.m.

Present: Subcommittee members C.Ward (chair; remote), Hollins; absent--Martin.

Also present, A. Nunez; J. Harper, superintendent; business manager personnel; D. Ellis, SEA; press.

1. Call to Order by Hollins (request of CW due to remote participation).
2. CW clarifies purpose of meeting—to finalize an FY19 budget draft. JH...to continue discussion.
3. Superintendent Update: Explained budget work since close of Friday p.m.'s meeting when budget total was estimated at \$19,500,000 or less. Today's draft total: \$18,852,379. Local: \$6,339.112  
Distributed: Completed BUDGET HEARING notice; one-page overview Supt's Draft Budget (new positions and funding source), copy of the 2.12.18 FY 19 draft. Two Q and A responses.
4. Discussion and Q and A topics, representative of most but not all topics discussed:
  - \*do we include what's being negotiated? AN: No
  - \*negotiated salary increases? JH: Still estimated at approx \$400,000
  - \*transportation route reduction. Asking students to walk 2 mile? no...based on current eligibility
  - \*changes since Friday? No new positions. Reduction of 3 assists.; 1.0 temp custodian; \$25,000 fringe. New positions mentioned at admin meeting are included.
  - \*classroom positions requests included? Grade 5? Grade 2? JH. Intended to be. Will check.
  - \*referees? Not included yet but will be.
  - \*text reduction from \$40,000 to \$10,000? No significant text purchase anticipated
  - \*Green River—any start up planning money or pilot project included? No.
  - \*contracted salary increases? “folded into all sites”
  - \*technology department needs included, as identified to subcom? Yes
  - \*reading services at all schools? Yes. “adequate but not ideal”
  - \*special ed tuition? “estimate higher school choice revenue and will apply to prepay”
  - \*6<sup>th</sup> period classes cost at GHS? “not only at GHS and included”
  - \*retirements? not yet updated
  - \*head nurse? Stipend in a grant, no takers in current year
  - \*health insurance costs in grants? A local guideline, not a legal requirement
  - \*school physician stipend? Amount? Where in budget? TBD
  - \*interpreter—clarification of different definitions and budgeted costs? Budget to be clarified
  - \*tutors? JH “will research and get back, will clarify different kinds”
  - \*504? DE: “need to keep some money budgeted”
  - \*preschool music—need MA-level teachers? JH: yes
  - \*preschool social worker—reduced? use? JH: social skills for children, should not have admin tasks,
  - \*how are principals planning if their requests are not met? (AN)
  - \*other topics discussed: data clarification questions answered; class sizes; Newton requests; two .5 custodial maintenance requests are in FY18 budget; supt goal is phasing basic positions out of grants—unsustainable; overpayment confusion (AN)
5. Request for additional meeting for discussion (AN). Chairperson disagrees.
6. Request to adjourn. Quorum ends at 4:40 p.m.

Post meeting clarification of topics to be clarified for next meeting: FS 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; physician stipend; tutors; health insurance in grants; change “para” to “instructional assistants;” interpreter positions