

School Budget Committee Meeting Topics

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Points

- Scheduling
- Granite Town Media coverage
- Set a goal – not a requirement – of some % increase or % decrease in the operating budget, capital items and/or tax impact

Questions

- Wages/Benefits
 - What union contracts are presently either being negotiated or will be negotiated? When did they or will they expire?
 - Is it true that full time food service employees have no benefits when other full time administrators, educators and staff do? Why is that?
 - How many part time employees does the school district employ today compared to 5 years ago? By position? How do benefits for part time employees compare with full time employees?
 - What is the projected impact of the Affordable Care Act on employee benefits? District costs?
- Special Ed
 - How many students are “coded” today compared to 5 years ago? By grade level?
 - What are the top ten most used “codes”? How many students (not names) for each code?
 - How many students are receiving all of the services agreed to in their IEP? For students not receiving all of the services was determined that they need, why is that? What is the process for notifying parents when the district does not meet their child’s IEP?
- Regular Ed
 - What are the school district’s guidelines for class size? By grade? By subject? How many classes are above, at and below the guidelines? By grade? By subject?
 - Have all of the elements of the new reading program been purchased? How much did the actual program cost compare to the budgeted amount?
 - What is being done to integrate 3D printers into the curriculum?

- Capital
 - Regarding the capital request for \$1.6 million, were these projects completed and at what cost? Was anything left out of or added to the projects compared to the proposals approved by voters?
 - MHS fire alarm system
 - MMS carpet, flooring tile and asbestos abatement
 - District-wide telephone, intercom and p/a systems
 - Why is the new phone system wired instead of wireless?
 - What are the capital projects under consideration for 2014?
- Other
 - What object accounts were overspent or underspent by +/- 5% in SY2012-13? Why?
 - What is being done to move to a “minutes based” school year instead of “180 days” based school year?