

Dist. 205 Board of Education – Budget Workshop
June 4, 2007
7:10 pm – 9:05 pm

Thrall arrived at 7:40
Public: 6 Staff: 5 Press: 2
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 6:00 pm “to consider one or more of the following subjects including, but not limited to”: employment of employee, collective negotiations, and matter of student residency. President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

President Davy announced that the District would be receiving a federal grant for \$1.3 million for a PE. Grant. This grant, which was facilitated by Funding Connections, is 3-year implementation for equipment, material and staff development. A 14.7% contribution from the District will be necessary. This has not yet been added to the budget, since word was received this afternoon about its receipt.

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Dr. Krizic turned the meeting over to Pat Palmere, Assistant Superintendent for Finance. She reviewed the working document of the FY08 budget.

Since the fiscal year does not end until June 30th, no FY07 actuals were available for this discussion. Some highlights of this early budget projection:

- This year was projected to have a \$1,773,864 surplus among all operating funds, which would be added to the fund balances per the 2006 ed fund increase referendum. Instead, this year may have an even higher surplus, perhaps as high as \$2,594,000. With this addition to the fund balances, less money will be needed to be borrowed next year (as tax anticipation warrants in April) to meet expenses.
- The expenditures may increase about 5.1%, which would include \$500,000 for new financial software/hardware/training.
- The new budget is expected to be about \$93,404,000.
- The education fund, which makes up 78% of the budget and includes most salaries and benefits, is expected to have revenues increase by 5.5%, with
 - local sources supplying a 5.4% increase,
 - state sources a 5.1% increase,
 - and federal sources a 7.9% increase.
- Since the '03-'04 school year, 93.7 positions will have been added:
 - 2.8 more administrators
 - 48.3 more teachers
 - 37 more aides
 - 3.8 more support staff
 - 1.8 more custodial

Operating funds and cash flow projections show that tax anticipation warrants will no longer be needed after the 2010-11 school year.

The Board asked for several pieces of information from the administration and more budget discussions are expected at the June 18th Board meeting. Once the actual numbers are available (after June 30th), a tentative budget will be prepared and the Board will vote

to put it on display for 30 days.

Board Communications: The board spoke about HB 1347, which limits District's ability to outsource. Incoming Assistant Superintendent for Finance Pat Masterton, who was present, stated that it would only affect positions currently employed with union members.

Action on Closed Session:

The Board approved the appointment of James Pluskota as incoming Principal for Edison. Mr. Thrall voted present. The Board also approved to uphold the hearing officer's findings that students J.T., TT., and K.T. were not residents of District 205 and that each should be charged \$5292 tuition for a total of \$15,881 for the time they were enrolled in District 205 – Jan. 22, 2007 through June 7, 2007.