

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**MINUTES****WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

March 28, 2012 12:00 PM Administration Office- Conference Rm.

Start Time: 12:00PM

Present

Jonathan Lawton, Carl Chambers, Marcia Newcomb, Chris Morral, Steve Adams, David Krick, Bryan Murphy, Mike Pietropola, Amy Repard, Scott Keck, Ben Largey

Agenda

- 1- 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget Update as of March 28, 2012
- 2- Staffing Discussion for 2012-2013
- 3- Faculty/Community Budget Forum
- 4- Preliminary Final Budget- May Board Mtg.
- 5- Other concerns/issues

Committee Member /Administration Issues or Discussion Topics

1. Superintendent Morral opened the meeting by reviewing the 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget as of March 28, 2012. Mr. Morral commented on specific revenues and expenditures recognizing an overall deficit of (\$-71,303) as of March 28, 2012. State revenues include:

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| Student Achievement Block Grant | - \$6,630,034 |
| Basic Education Subsidy | - (\$5,697,891) |
| Pupil Transportation Subsidy | - (\$540,000) |
| Non-Public Transportation Subsidy | - (\$20,000) |
| Social Security Reimbursement | - (\$397,229) |
| Accountability Block Grant | - (\$90,978) |

Business Manager Marcia Newcomb commented on specific adjustments made up to March 28, 2012. Mrs. Newcomb commented specifically on revenues from Waste Management. As a result, Mrs. Newcomb has received early projections indicating an increase in revenue from previously anticipated. First quarter figures will be available early April and will be presented at the next budget & finance committee meeting.

2. Staffing Discussion- Superintendent Morral opened discussion regarding a discussion with WAEA on early incentive buyouts. Mr. Morral discussed potential candidates with the committee as a whole. General consensus among the committee was to explore the option and obtain a feel for approximately how many people within WAEA might be interested in entertaining an early out incentive.

3. Faculty/Community Budget Forum- As a committee, we discussed the plans for a budget forum as presented in March of 2011. At the suggestion of the committee, a date to be determined will host both a faculty forum as well as a community forum on the same day back-to-back. This will allow district employees the opportunity to ask pertinent questions relating to the budget as well as members of the community an opportunity to ask questions regarding the 2012-2013 preliminary budget.

4. Final committee discussion revolved around preliminary cost reductions possible for the 2012-2013 budget. Mr. Steve Adams indicated a high number of students enrolling for kindergarten. Current projected numbers are at 115 with an anticipated number of an additional 15-20 students. Several committee members commented on the potential need for an additional kindergarten teacher due to increased class sizes. Additional cost reductions discussed include:
 - A. Capital improvement budget- \$100,000
 - B. Athletics- Wing Field Bleachers- \$20,000
 - C. Unified Arts Position- ½ time position- \$48,030
 - D. Title I Reading Position- \$71,080
 - E. Kindergarten Teacher- \$70,000 (salary & benefits)

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM.