

Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union #52

Board Meeting

Monday, Nov 30, 2020

Minutes

Present at the Meeting:

Amy McMullen, Nicole Buck, Colleen Spence, Kristen Bruso, Kris Garnjost, Scott Richardson, Elizabeth Burrows, Nancy Pedrick, Bill Yates, Mark Yuengling, Rebecca Roisman, Anne Redmond, Sarah Stewart-Taylor, Christine Bourne, Jenifer Aldrich-Ab, Colleen DeSchamp, Kate Ryan-Ab, Katie Ahern, Angie Ladeau, David Baker, Ed Connors, Larry Dougher.

Special Guest(s):

Additional Attendees: Christine Osgood, Julie Cahoon

I. Call to Order by: Amy McMullen @ 6:31 p.m.

II. Changes/Additions to the Agenda

None

III. Public Comments not Related to the Agenda

None

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

a) October 26, 2020

b) November 17, 2020

Motion to approve: Elizabeth Burrows

2nd: Scott Richardson

Vote: 9-0-1 (Colleen Spence abstained, Mark Yuengling not present for vote)

V. FY22 SU Budget

a) FY22 SU Tech Budget- Larry Dougher

The budget is up around \$5K in 3yrs overall. An area of note is the spike increase in software expense. That is due to some COVID related software purchases that might need to remain in place next year, and will not be paid for with COVID funds. Ex Docusign, and G-Suite enhancements. There were also additional access points and those are likely something that will be kept long-term. The tech department does receive approx \$15K in income for the work they do for the Town of Windsor.

b) FY22 SU Budget Overview- Ed Connors

There are 3 areas of assessment: Central Office, Special Education, and Early Childhood Ed. The overall budget increase is just over a million dollars, or 10.98% increase. Of that the central office accounts for \$799K and Special Ed \$216K.

Central Office: the dramatic increase for central office is due in large part to the moving of expenses from the district budgets to the SU budget. For example Transportation is \$714K (of which the state reimburses about \$200K) and Copiers are \$32K, so those items alone total \$766K, the majority of that increase. Additionally, there has been an added \$20K of funds set aside for the professional staff to work over the summer on the strategic plan. Removing those 3 areas of moved expenses means the central office budget is an overall increase of 2.4%. Central office expenses include ½ of the curriculum director position of Angie Ladeau, the other half is paid by grant. There are \$55K in software costs that are curriculum related. For example: Teachpoint which is a storing house for documents related to teacher evals; Mobymax (Math); Exact Path (Language Arts, Math and Reading); IXL (ELA); and Seesaw for grades K-5.

Special Education- has an overall increase of 2.88%. Katie Ahern has done an amazing job formulating a service plan and helping to solidify all the moving of expenses associated with creating a budget for this area. Special Ed on average is reimbursed at a rate of 56.25%. There were side discussions about potential saved expenses by not sending students out of district placement, and there was agreed concern that you don't always save the money as you had hoped, and that designing programs that fit each individual need is extremely costly and hard to do. They are utilizing regional partners for placements as they can.

Early Childhood Education- this is required by the state to be its own fund. The tuition rate has been calculated to be \$3,536 per student. One of the noted invaluable programs is the VINS program that is offered. It was mentioned that when the program began, they were serving up to 90 students, and now with latest numbers almost reach the 150 mark. Minimal discussion on this portion of the budget.

The Board wanted more time to review these numbers and pose any remaining questions before moving forward. The board will meet again on 12/14 @ 7 p.m. for a quick meeting to review any remaining areas of concern. If district boards meet before the 12/14 date they can use this current budget as a basic template for planning. There's no anticipation of any major changes.

VI. Anti-Racism Task Force

Internal task force is made up of SU Board members and is the group that will approve the policy. External task force is members from the internal group with additional members who are interested parties that would like to assist in guiding the group work. The group is scheduled to meet on Tuesday 12/1 @ 5 p.m.. From there Ariel and Jameson should have a first draft of a policy for the internal task force to review.

VII. COVID Update

Dr. Baker sent an email alerting the school community there was 1 staff and 1 student that tested positive for COVID. Many of the school staff took advantage of the state offered testing last on November 19 and those results have already come in.

VIII. Policy Review/Audit Cycle

Tabled until next meeting due to time.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: Nancy Pedrick

2nd: Nicole Buck

Vote: 10-0-0