

Budget Committee Meeting  
Minutes of February 18, 2013

PRESENT: Erin Comly, Cheryl Kessler, Heather Mausteller, Frank Suchwala, Kathee Stark. Also present were Dave Bowser and Dave Snodgrass

The meeting began with a presentation by Dave Snodgrass on the conduct of an audit. This is required by the new laws governing such processes in school districts. He then left the meeting after no questions were asked by the committee.

Dave Bowser gave the committee an update on changes made to the proposed budget from the current one. There was also a review of insurance options as presented to the faculty and staff last week.

The committee was provided an overview of the topics discussed at the recent Curriculum Committee meeting which relate to budget. These include expansion of the 1:1 computing initiative, online textbooks, furloughs and demotions, and other personnel changes. The committee affirmed proposed changes in the graduation requirements and discussed programmatic changes.

The committee began a review of the budget requests for next year. They were advised that the documents provided to them have been reviewed by the principals, but they are yet subject to review by the superintendent. There was a general discussion of some of the items. It is recommended that most book purchases either be eliminated or placed on hold, subject to release of the K-12 curricula for science, English, and math by PDE in late June or early July. Online textbooks should be a priority.

The committee would like for the Board to discuss the status of the all-sports banquet for this year and next. They also recommended cuts in some of the requests by the athletic trainer, the three-screen drug assembly, and some uniform purchases. They also reviewed costs attached to extra-curricular recognition activities, such as district, regional, or jazz festivals.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathee Stark