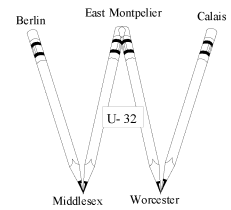


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WCUUSD Finance Committee Unapproved Meeting Minutes 5.20.20 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Via Video Conference*

Committee Members Present: Flor Diaz-Smith, Scott Thompson, Chris McVeigh, Kari Bradley

Administrators Present: Debra Taylor, Kelly Bushey, Lori Bibeau, Steven Dellinger-Pate, Casey Provost, Jennifer Miller-Arsenault

Others Present: Robert Porter

1. Call to Order - **Ms. Diaz-Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.**
2. Approve Minutes of 5.6.20 – **Mr. Bradley motioned to approve the minutes of 5.6.20. Mr. Thompson seconded. Mr. McVeigh abstained. The motion carried.**
3. Budget Update (Discussion)

3.1 Budget Information – Ms. Bibeau had no new budget updates. Ms. Diaz Smith suggested reviewing the efficiency study that was done a few years ago, stating that it might be a good place to start when planning the budget. Ms. Taylor stated that she has a copy of the study in her office and will familiarize herself with it for a future meeting.

3.2 Proposal for Early Retirement (Action) – Ms. Taylor reviewed the proposal for early retirement. She stated that she has spoken with a number of individuals and teams about the proposal and it seems like a viable option for potential budget reductions. This proposal will offer early retirement as an option for any employee that has 15+ years of service combined with their age to equal 70. She noted this would equate to 55 employees throughout the district that would be eligible. She also stated that it would be helpful for planning the budgets if they could provide this information to qualified individuals in June with a deadline of September 15. This program would allow for more or less savings based upon how many of the empty positions would be filled. Ms. Taylor and Ms. Bibeau informed the committee that if there are twenty-two participants in early retirement and four positions left unfilled, it would be a savings of approximately \$227,000.

Committee members questioned whether this program could potentially cause a large loss of experienced educators and administrators, what the drawbacks would be if there were 50 people that took the early retirement option, and what percentage of the budget would be saved if this proposal is adopted. After receiving information from both Mr. Dellinger-Pate and Mr. Provost regarding the proposal and further discussion, **Mr. Thompson moved to adopt the early retirement recommendation. Mr. Bradley seconded. Mr. McVeigh abstained. The motion carried.**

3.3 Summer Meal Provision (Discussion/Action) - **Mr. McVeigh moved to support the administration moving forward on meal planning throughout the summer months with transportation as needed. Mr. Bradley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

3.4 Annual Fiscal Management Questionnaire (Action) – **Mr. Thompson motioned to approve the questionnaire as filled out. Mr. Bradley seconded. The motion carried.**

4. Old Business

4.1 Energy Project Consultant (Action) – Tabled

4.2 Net Metering Contract (Action) – Ms. Taylor informed the board that she spoke with the board’s attorney and he recommended the board consider the proposal, and that limiting the relationship to a two year agreement is sound. Mr. McVeigh stated that the dates for the two year commitment should be written in the contract so there is a clear guide for both parties. **Mr. Thompson motioned to recommend the proposal. Mr. McVeigh seconded. The motion carried.**

5. Next Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items

6. Adjourn - **Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Miller, Board Recording Secretary

*Open Meeting Law temporary changes as of 3/30/20:

Boards are not required to designate a physical meeting location. Board members and staff are not required to be present at a designated meeting location.