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DAC Budget Subcommittee

Web page: [District Accountability Committee \(DAC\)](#)
Chairman John Roebke

Meeting Notes

November 14, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Members present: Jamie Cushenbery, Dan Fox, Tom Hunt, AJ LaFrancis, Bob Miner, Trish Nixon, Bob Null, Kim Polomka, Jan Rennie, Michael Reyes, John Roebke, Carl Schueler, and Toni Seberger

Members absent: Deborah Boisselle, Lara Crowell, Andrew Hug, Pete Lee, and Elisa Villarruel

Ex-officio members present: Laura Hronik, Ken Wieck, and Becky Moore

Guests: Board of Education Director Ms. Theresa Null, DAC chairman Dr. Parth Melpakam, Thomas B. Doherty High School teacher Mr. Bruce Cole, and Patrick Henry Elementary School teacher Ms. Jeanette Applin

Chairman John Roebke brought the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Members were welcomed. Introductions were made around the room, as there was a large turnout this meeting and several guests. Ms. Nixon made a motion to approve the meeting notes from October 10, 2017. Ms. Seberger seconded the motion. The notes will be posted to the DAC web page.

Chairman Roebke stated that there was no update from the DAC since October but that the committee would be meeting in two days on November 16, 2017. All are welcome to attend.

First order of business was to explain the need for Office 365 accounts for subcommittee members to facilitate remote access to the subcommittee's meetings, internet access, and external collaboration. Mr. Hunt handled the instructions, permissions, and handouts to get those interested in signing up registered.

Mr. Wieck's update on budget process included an update on enrollment. The District is down over 200 FTE students from projection. Mr. Wieck pointed out that, if the governor's proposed budget is approved, the District could see an increase of approximately \$9 million for next year as well as a lower negative factor.

Mr. Wieck also discussed the newly voter-approved mill levy override for the District. The members looked over the six-year phase in plan. Total mills for the district would increase to just over 53 mills from the adopted budget. He explained that with an early payoff of the District's bonds, the taxpayers would have less debt and a future lower mill rate. Mr. Wieck noted that with the new increase in the mill rate, an increase in special ownership taxes could be expected. Mr. Schueler informed the subcommittee that the county assessor's office has information regarding how much of the county budget is consumed by District 11 and an individual homeowner's contribution.

The meeting turned to the main agenda topic of the mid-year budget modification requests. Chairman Roebke decided to run through the requests in their order of presentation in the budget modification handout document. The subcommittee, after debate, will rank each request as 1) priority, 2) possibly fund, or 3) do not fund at this time/need more information. Mr. Roebke read member Lara Cowell's comments regarding the budget modification requests as she is unable to attend tonight's meeting. The group was reminded that mid-year requests are generally non-recurring and that there is approximately \$4.5 million in requests but \$3 million in available funds. Mr. Wieck kept a running tally of the ranking on the screens for all to see.

No.	Program	Amount \$	N/R*	Request Description	Rank
PSS-1	Instructional Staff Training	28,000	N	Induction coaches	2
TS-1	Technical Services	14,009	N	Student hires	1
TS-2	Application Development	10,380	N	MicroSoft BI license	1
TS-3	Security	45,000	N	Admin building intercom	3
EX-1	Sabin Middle School	110,000	N	Replace gym floor	3
EX-2	K-12 Leadership	149,000	N	Fund school supplies	2
EX-3	K-12 Leadership	25,766	R	K-5 STEM/PLTW	2
EX-4	K-12 Leadership-CTE	64,065	R	Student professional development	1
EX-5	K-12 Leadership-CTE	17,281	N	Attend CTE conference locally	1
BS-1	Facilities/Maintenance	106,934	N	Small engine replacements	1
BS-2	Facilities/Transportation	245,000	N	White fleet replacements	1

*N/R refers to N as non-recurring request and R as recurring request.

Remarks were as follows:

- PSS-1 The group understands the need but also that teachers have up to three years to complete so potentially unserved teachers in the program may not need completion this year.
- TS-3 More information needed.
- EX-1 The group was told the amount requested was low and the need not urgent, more information needed.
- EX-2 The subcommittee was concerned about which schools really needed this help and which did not and if this might create an equity issue between schools.
- EX-3 Discussion about what appeared to be lack of planning for the future.
- BS-1 Would like to see a recurring budget modification during budget development for cyclic replacement.
- BS-2 Would like to see a recurring budget modification during budget development for cyclic replacement.

Other topics of discussion included the current curriculum replacement cycle.

The meeting ended with topics for next meeting's discussion, which will be continuing with the mid-year budget development and the requested budget modifications.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the District 11 boardroom.