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DAC Budget Subcommittee

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Chairman John Roebke

Meeting Notes

March 13, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Members present: Bruce Cole, Tom Hunt, AJ LaFrancis, Trish Nixon, Kim Polomka, Jan Rennie, Michael Reyes, John Roebke, and Toni Seberger

Members absent: Deborah Boisselle, Lara Crowell, Jamie Cushenbery, Dan Fox, Andrew Hug, Pete Lee, Bob Miner, Bob Null, Ken Pfeil, Carl Schueler, and Elisa Villarruel

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

Guests: Board of Education Director Julie Ott

Chairman Roebke brought the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Roebke delayed the start of the meeting due to lack of quorum and discussion of the International Baccalaureate program that was taking place between a few members. Because of the lack of a majority, the approval of the meeting notes was tabled to the next meeting.

There was no DAC update at this time. The next meeting of the DAC will be in two days on March 15, 2018. Chairman Roebke will present the recommendations that will be going forth to the Board of Education at their work session on March 21, 2018. Any input from the DAC will be recorded to the subcommittee's report and forwarded to the Board secretary, Ms. Doris Hensley and to the DAC Budget Subcommittee. All members are encouraged to attend both the DAC meeting and the Board of Education work session.

Mr. Wieck went to the podium to update the subcommittee regarding the preliminary budget development assumptions (PBDA) "green sheet." He updated the group on additional numbers since the last update, emphasis on the budget mismatch. Mr. Wieck also pointed out the new information regarding utilities, storm water fees, and reserves at board level. The members were reminded why there is a PBDA. Salaries are unknown due to the interest based bargaining and meet and confer negotiations still in progress. Other factors still unknown are the School Finance Act, PERA legislation, results of the Stipend Committee and student fees and allocations. Mr. Cole was able to give the group some insight as to the function of the Stipend Committee since he is a member.

The subcommittee now turned to review of the draft PBDA and budget modification recommendations being made to the Board of Education from this committee. Mr. Roebke informed the subcommittee that the recommendations would include the vote on each budget modification request and then comments made on only those that solicited concern.

Section Thanks: Ms. Rennie pointed out a mistake at the beginning of the report, which will be corrected.

Section Comments around BMFs:

- **SUP-2** Enrollment incentive: recommendation was amended with discussion centering on how the incentive should be distributed and criteria required eligibility to receive the incentive.
- **EXEC-3** School supplies: concern regarding impact on local businesses, organizations, and charities that collect and distribute supplies to District 11 schools each fall. The group also suggested making sure parents and organizations are aware that the District is buying supplies. Also suggested was providing an alternate list of needs that could be provided to these organizations in lieu of school supplies.
- **EXEC-4** International Baccalaureate (IB) testing fee support: the subcommittee debated the value of the IB program and discussed comparison to other programs in the District. Also discussed was test results, number of students taking and passing the tests as compared to other district programs. The value of concurrent enrollment was also discussed. These topics were an extension of the discussion that took place

before the meeting opened. In the end, the group decided a cost analysis should be recommended for the IB program.

- **BS-4** General William Mitchell High School roof replacement: there was some language removal from the draft.
- **PSS-3** Induction Coach Coordinator: there was more discussion regarding what this program is and why it is necessary. The language of the draft was revised.
- **TS-5** National School Board Association renewal increase: this item was discussed and removed from the list.
- **TS-8** Five-year laptop rollout to high schools: the subcommittee would like the District to use this item, if adopted, as a marketing tool to attract students to the District. There was still some concern about front-loading the budget but most were in favor of it.

Section Parting Thoughts: The group asked to remove “critical” from the language.

List of Voting Results on All BMFs: Language change to EXEC-4 “Comment or Concern” column.

Chairman Roebke told the subcommittee he would get the changes made and the updated document out in time for the DAC meeting on Thursday evening. After the DAC meeting, any changes recommended by that committee will be made and the final document sent to the Board secretary and the budget subcommittee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the administration building boardroom.