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Date: December 20, 2023

Place: Zoom

Present: Cody Kittle (chair)

Michael Joseph Mercanti

Kathleen Stowe

Laura Kostin

Dr. Toni Jones, Superintendent

Mr. Blaize Levitan, COO

Patrick Lai, Financial Analyst

Karen Hirsch, meeting observer

Additional: various Zoom attendees

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM

Discussion Item:

Mr. Kittle made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Ms. Kostin seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Lai provided an overview of the BOE voting summary from December 14th meeting.

Mr. Lai provided an overview of school per pupil allocations and a recommendation to increase for elementary school by 10%.

Mr. Levitan provided a review of the proposed ALP 2nd grade change.

Dr. Jones provided an overview of JC K-2 language program.

Mr. Levitan provided an overview of GHS staffing changes relative to enrollment.

Dr. Jones provided an overview of potential extended school time at Ham Ave.

The committee then undertook votes on recommendations for budget changes.

On item B1, "Realignment of instructional minutes" the vote passed 2-1-1 with Ms. Stowe abstaining and Ms. Kostin against.

On item B2, "GHS staffing vs. enrollment trend" the vote passed 4-0.

On item B3, "Julian Curtis World Language K-2 vs. instruction time" the vote passed 2-1-1.

On item B4, "ALP second grade program cost" the vote did not pass, 2-2, with Ms. Stowe and Ms. Kostin voting No.

On item C1, "10% increase to the PPA for Elementary" the vote passed 4-0.

Mr. Mercanti Anthony left the meeting at 2pm, but recorded his votes for the budget committee recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:12pm.