

*Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education*  
**Budget Committee Meeting**  
**Administrative Center – October 25, 2023, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Administrative Center – Board Room**  
**Meeting Notes**

**A. Call to Order**

Tim Doran, School Board Member and FY24 Budget Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Budget Committee meetings are recorded and will be available on the district's website.

**B. Roll Call**

Committee Members Present:

Tim Doran, Board of Education Chairperson  
Brandy Harty, Board of Education  
Andy DeGraw, Chief Operations Officer  
Robyn Taylor, FPA Secondary Representative  
Jarrod Decker, FPA Representative  
Allison Curry, FEA Secondary Representative  
Max Mullenberg, Student Representative (arrived at 5:47pm)  
Robert Herrick, Parent Representative  
Kimberly Aiken, Parent Representative  
Lael Oldmixon, Parent Representative (departed at 6:30pm)  
Sean Li, Community Representative  
Clay Anderson, Non-Represented Representative

Committee Members Absent:

Edward Paxson, FEA Elementary Representative  
Axl Levan, At Large Community Member  
TBD, ESSA Representative  
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Staff Present:

Michele Nilson, Budget Specialist II

**C. Agenda**

**1. Adoption of Agenda October 25, 2023**

Tim asked if there were any objections to the agenda and seeing none, the agenda was approved.

**D. Notes**

**2. Adoption of October 11, 2023 Notes**

Tim asked if there were any objections to the notes and seeing none, they notes were approved.

## **E. Opening Remarks – Chairperson Tim Doran**

Tim welcomed everyone and introduced the guest presenters to the Committee. Tim presented the “Brainstorm Ideas” from the first meeting. Tim then turned the meeting over to Andy DeGraw and his PowerPoint presentation.

## **F. Information power point – Andy DeGraw, Chief Operations Officer**

Andy presented information on the Organizational Chart, Enrollment figures, Staffing allocations and budget cuts over the past 5 year. Q & A followed.

## **G. Guest Speakers:**

✚ **Student Support Services**, presented by Executive Director Brianna Gray – power point provided

### **Committee Discussion Ensued – Included Topics:**

- Several questions regarding grant funded programs
- Questions regarding Migrant Education/Free Lunch program overlap
- Bri shared the SSS booklet with the committee that can be found on the website

✚ **Elementary Instruction & Supervision**, presented by Assistant Superintendent Kate LaPlaunt

### **Committee Discussion Ensued – Included Topics:**

- Is there a plan for additional support for teachers
- 1:1 Kindergarten Aides
- Charters vs Magnets
- Why aren't all programs in all schools

✚ **Secondary Instruction & Supervision**, presented by Assistant Superintendent Sarah Gillam

### **Committee Discussion Ensued – Included Topics:**

- Any increase isn't really an increase
- We need people to have flexibility
- We need to educate the community

## **Next meeting Presentations:**

- ✚ Alternative Schools & Programs
- ✚ Special Education
- ✚ Facilities Management Department

## **Continued Committee Discussion:**

Tim introduced Luke's budget topics. Conversation from committee members included questions on school capacities; changes to school week/day/year, etc.; getting to the roots of funding, why aren't as many students showing up in buildings as in the past; technology and staffing considerations;

cost/benefits of school closures; contracting custodial services; collaborating to get state to increase the BSA.

**Info requested for next meetings:**

Building Capacity, Staffing Allocations explanation, Building closures cost savings

**Closing Remarks:** Mr. Doran noted that we may need an additional meeting date in November in order to have sufficient time to come up with the committee's recommendations to the School Board.

**Additional Discussion Topics:**

Audio of the Budget Review Committee meetings can be heard on the following site:

<https://www.k12northstar.org/Page/7360>

Mr. Doran adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm with no objections.

Notes respectfully submitted by Michele Nilson

APPROVED 11/15/23