

Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education

**Budget Committee Meeting**

**Administrative Center - Board Room 520 Fifth Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska**

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Public Zoom Webinar Link location: Administrative Center – Board Room, or  
Zoom**

**Meeting Notes**

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Chrya Sanderson, School Board Member and FY 21-22 Budget Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Budget Committee meetings are recorded and will be available on the district's website.

Committee Members Present:

Chrya Sanderson, Board Committee Chair  
April Smith, Board Committee Member  
Andy DeGraw, Chief Operations Officer  
Tara Devaughn, FEA Elementary Representative  
Wendy Demers, FEA Secondary Representative  
Stacey Foshee, FPA Elementary Representative  
Graham Storey, FPA Secondary Representative  
Kenneth McLeod, Parent Representative  
Loa Carroll-Hubbard, Community Representative  
Jeffreda Knight, Community Representative  
Ryan Hinton, Non-Represented Representative

Committee Members Absent:

Greg Kahoe, Community Representative  
Kathy Bennett, Parent Representative  
TBD, ESSA Representative  
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TBD, Student Representative

Staff Present:

Karen Melin, Superintendent of Schools  
Sandra Weaver, Budget Specialist II  
Nico Herbert, Director of Accounting

**A. Agenda**

**1. Adoption of Agenda October 12, 2021**

Wendy Demers made a motion to adopt the agenda, Graham Storey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**2. Adoption of April 13, 2021 Notes**

Ryan Hinton made a motion to adopt the April 13, 2021 Notes, Tara Devaughn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **B. New Business**

Opening remarks – Chrya Sanderson

Chrya welcomed everyone to the meeting and turned the meeting over to Andy DeGraw

## **C. Introduction to the Committee Process – Andy DeGraw**

[PowerPoint Provided - October 12, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting - Budget Overview](#)

The PowerPoint covered

What is our Purpose?

Committee Best Practices

Linking Budget to the Strategic Plan

Budget 101 – Revenues and Expenditures

## **D. Committee Discussion Ensued - Included Topics:**

- When was the last time the BSA change? 2017-2021 shows that the BSA is set at \$5930  
[State of Alaska - Pencil Graph - BSA Over the Years](#)
- Hold Harmless – Drop of 5% enrollment loss triggers Hold Harmless
  - Drop in enrollment (Hold Harmless excludes correspondence)
- Funding model for BEST students is calculated at 90 % of funding per student
- Communications engagement – our district does this well and getting parents involved
- Social and Emotional – We must meet needs of the students before they can learn; the district is seeing a lot of social emotional issues/concerns
- Workforce Excellence – retaining quality staff
- Noted technology was not picked as a priority in ranking
- CTE and multiple pathways important – not all students will go to college, we need multiple pathways.

Priorities - Establishing the committees priorities to align with the Strategic Plan – overall outcome ranked:

1.1 Student Success

4.1 Workforce Excellence

2.1 Equity and Inclusion

There will be scheduled presentations of the following departments:

- *Human Resources*
- *Student Support Services*
- *Teaching & Learning*
- *Communications*
- *Transportation*

Once the presentations are set, the committee will be notified.

**Meetings:**

**Additional Discussion Topics:**

Audio of the Budget Review Committee meetings can be heard on the following site:<http://www.k12northstar.org/boe/meeting-minutes>

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM, Tara Devaughn made a motion to adjourn, and Wendy Demers second the motion.

Notes respectfully submitted by Sandra weaver