

**Budget Committee Meeting**

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

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Administrative Center – Board Room**

**Meeting Notes**

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Maggie Matheson, School Board Member and FY 22-23 Budget Committee Chair called the meeting to order at **5:32 PM**. Budget Committee meetings are recorded and will be available on the district's website.

Committee Members Present:

Margaret (Maggie) Matheson Board of Education Chairperson  
Andy DeGraw, Chief Operations Officer  
Allison Curry, FEA Secondary Representative  
Ryan Hinton, Non-Represented Representative  
Robert Herrick, Parent Representative  
Robert Burgess, Parent Representative  
Bruce Bell, FPA Secondary Representative  
Loa Carroll-Hubbard, Community Representative

Committee Members Absent:

Wendy Demers, FEA Elementary Representative  
Teresa Lesage, FPA Elementary Representative  
TBD, ESSA Representative  
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TBD, Student Representative

Staff Present:

Karen Melin, Chief School Administrator of Schools  
Nicole (Nico) Herbert, Director of Accounting via Zoom

**A. Agenda**

**1. Adoption of Agenda October 12, 2022**

Ryan Hinton made a motion to adopt the agenda, Robert Burgess seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**2. Adoption of March 9, 2022 Notes**

Ryan Hinton motioned to adopt the March 9, 2022 Notes, Robert Herrick seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

**B. New Business**

Opening remarks – Maggie Matheson

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

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

1. What is our Purpose?
2. Committee Best Practices
3. Linking the Budget to the Strategic Plan
4. Budget 101 – Revenues and Expenditures

- Herrick asked for clarification on other local revenues sources, such as building rentals. DeGraw confirmed.
- Matheson requested more information on the QSI grant that Chane Beam
- Matheson requested enrollment numbers from 10 years ago. Estimated 14k
- Burgess asked how the saving from limited bus routes impacts the budget. DeGraw and Hinton explained that transportation is a separate fund in our system that is funded by a student enrollment-based grant award from the State of AK.
- Herrick confirmed his understanding about how when the Borough's assessment goes up that it means they have more tax revenue to dedicate to areas, including the District.
- Matheson asked for clarification on what would happen if we cannot figure out how to fund the 46.4 FTE in the CARES grants related to teachers. Bell spoke directly about how that would increase his class sizes up to 35.
- Herrick asked how much does it save the District to increase class sizes by 1 student and/or more. DeGraw responded on how the budget software calculates those costs on a formula.

#### **D. Group Discussion**

1. Review of 2022-23 Committee Report
2. What is important to us? - Strategic Plan Exercise
  - Committee members discussed where their budget priority focus is at in alignment with the Strategic Plan.

#### **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 7:25 PM,  
 Robert Burgess made a motion to adjourn, and Ryan Hinton second the motion.

Notes respectfully submitted by Nicole (Nico) Herbert.