

Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education
Budget Committee Meeting
Administrative Center –November 15, 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
Andy DeGraw, Chief Operations Officer
Robyn Taylor, FPA Secondary Representative (arrived at 5:34pm)
Jarrod Decker, FPA Representative
Allison Curry, FEA Secondary Representative
Max Mullenberg, Student Representative (arrived at 5:34pm)
Robert Herrick, Parent Representative
Lael Oldmixon, Parent Representative
Clay Anderson, Non-Represented Representative
Axl Levan, At Large Community Member
Edward Paxson, FEA Elementary Representative
April Smith, At Large Community Member

Committee Members Absent:

Kimberly Aiken, Parent Representative
Sean Li, Community Representative
Chrya Sanderson, Board of Education
TBD, ESSA Representative
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Staff Present:

Michele Nilson, Budget Specialist II

C. Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda November 15, 2023

Allison Curry moved to approve and Tim Doran 2nd, the agenda was approved.

D. Notes

2. Adoption of October 25, 2023 Notes

Robert Herrick moved to approve and April Smith 2nd, the notes were approved.

E. Opening Remarks – Chairperson Tim Doran

Tim welcomed everyone and introduced the guest presenters to the Committee. 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 Cost/Benefit analysis of school closures, building capacities, and staffing allocations procedures. Q & A followed.

G. Guest Speakers:

- ✚ **Special Education**, presented by Executive Director Kate Hall – power point provided

Committee Discussion Ensued – Included Topics:

- What are the risks to the programs if funding remains flat?
- Are self-contained student counts used in PTR?
- What are some Non-IDEA services being provided?

- ✚ **Alternative Schools and Programs**, presented by Executive Director Laurie Beam

Committee Discussion Ensued – Included Topics:

- There is great value in Alternative Learning programs
- Does the BEST program financially benefit the district?
- What are the logistics of the eLearning program?

- ✚ **Facilities Maintenance**, presented by Custodial Manager Mark Roper

Committee Discussion Ensued – Included Topics:

- There are serious considerations about the health of students in facilities.
- With large vacancy rate, how would you fill additional positions?
- Schools are also feeling an impact on budget constraints on deferred maintenance and work order completion

Next meeting – November 29th:

- ✚ Review Priority Brainstorming List, what is important to us
- ✚ Planned ad-ons vs planned reductions based on various revenue scenarios
- ✚ Give information to Andy and Michele to create a report to present to the School Board

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

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

Allison Curry motioned to adjourn adjourned at 7:33pm with no objections.
Notes respectfully submitted by Michele Nilson