

Efficiency Committee
September 18, 2014

Purpose of the Committee – advisory committee to give Board of Education recommendations to establish efficiencies in the educational program to create a sustained savings of the tax levy to remain at or under the tax levy cap and help with the efficiency plan.

We are looking at savings in other areas also such as shared transportation, shared purchasing, and shared services. We already have met with Bayport/Blue Point School district to discuss ways to share. Mr. Belmonte will report to the group in January regarding savings from his office.

We will not discuss employee contracts that are currently all in place.

Members: MS parents, teachers and admin are at Parent Information Evening
This meeting will be videotaped for their benefit.

Introduction of those present and affiliation

Meetings: October 16, 2014, November 20, 2014, December 18, 2014, January 22, 2015,
February 26, 2015

: Report to Board of Education at March 12, 2015.

Budget needs to be adopted at the April 22, 2015 Board of Education meeting.

Property Tax Freeze Credit Guidance from NYS – handout #1

Page 3 - Qualification to receive tax credit

Page 4 - Year 2 for school districts (view Example One)

Page 7 – Efficiency Plan Compliance and Participation onto page 8

Page 9 – Savings requirement - \$580,000.00

Page 10 – Overall plan savings (sustained) chart on page 11

Page 11 – Eligible Activities – Efficiencies defined on page 12

Page 18 – Effect of Veterans Exemption – not reimbursed (jurisdiction-wide reassessment) Although Senator Boyle’s office has given us conflicting information.

Page 18 – Checks received in Fall of 2014, 2015, and 2016

An efficiency plan must be submitted to the Director of NYS Budget by June 1, 2015 from school districts. Approval by DOB then goes to Tax and Finance by July 31, 2015.

Sayville Demographics 2014 – 15 to 2015 – 16

Handout # 2 – 2014 – 15 Enrollment Numbers as of 9 -17-14

Enrollment anticipated to drop 37 students K – 5, 26 students 6-8, and 33 to 43 students 9 – 12 in the 2015 – 16 school year

This will be enough to meet the 2015-16 efficiency through declining enrollment.

We still have 2016 -17 and 2017 - 18

Handout #3 – December 2013 Projected Enrollment by Grade Configuration

HS population stabilizes (slight increase) through 2017

MS population decreases slightly with fractional change

Look at the K enrollment estimates

Elementary population decreases steadily with no vehicle to reduce staff unless we make changes. (I know the community doesn't want the Princeton Plan so take that off the table and what can we do to smooth numbers and consolidate staff?)

Question: How can we make changes to continue delivering opportunities for students while making efficiencies to maintain a levy limit budget?

1. Look at history – what have other similar sized districts done already
2. We will begin October 16, 2014 by looking at the HS program.
3. November 20 we will look at the middle school program
4. December 16 we will look at the elementary school program
5. After we review all program at all levels we can discuss recommendations and priorities.
6. January 22, 2015 Mr. Belmonte will report on efficiencies from the business office.
7. February 26, 2015 put together recommendations and community priorities to the Board of Education
8. March 12, 2015 – Report to Board of Education at the business meeting