Committee: Finance

Date and Time: April 23, 2025

Location: J.E. Hill Administrative Center; Board Room A

In attendance:
Brad Jones, Charles Dan, Crystal Barriga, Erik Hehrmann, Jason Orloff, Johanna Peterson, Kelly Farley, Kevin Jackson, Kevin Miller, Mary Ramatowski, Shane Carey, Shawn Connolly, Sonja Moulton, Svetlana Gayares, Thomas Weber

Meeting overview

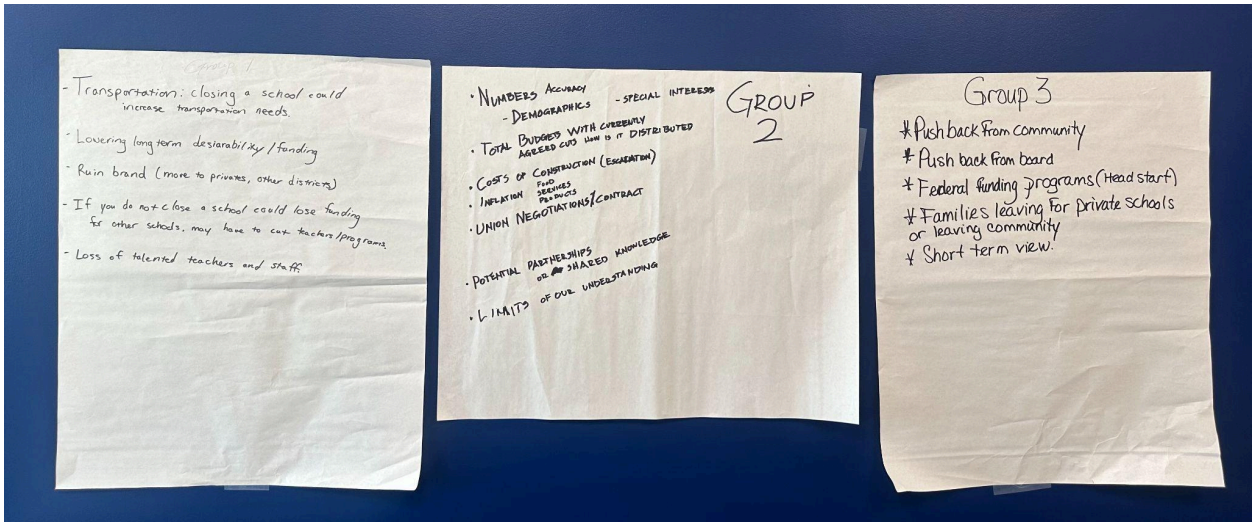
6:00 p.m. - 6:05 p.m. - Ms. Mitchell reviewed the meeting agenda and meeting norms, and revisited the purpose of the subcommittee to ground the work to be done for the evening.

6:05 p.m. - 6:50 p.m. - Ms. Mitchell opened the discussion by reviewing the contents of the Google shared folder. Committee members asked several clarifying questions about the contents of the folder, with particular focus on purchased services and transportation. The committee sought clarification regarding transportation services for students experiencing homelessness, as well as transportation provided through students' Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Various data requests were made, including a breakdown of transportation route counts per school, students per route, cost per route, and vendor categorization for the purchased services list. Dr. Harkin also shared insights from her experience with transportation as a superintendent..

6:50 p.m. - 7:08 p.m. - The committee participated in an activity. They were divided into three groups, with each group being charged to answer the following questions:

Group 1 - What are potential unintended consequences of cost reductions?
Group 2 -What financial assumptions will we be making, and which are most at risk of changing?
Group 3 - Where might the plan be most financially vulnerable?

Pictures from the group's responses are shared below.



7:08 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. - The groups shared their responses to the question prompts from the group activity (see pictures above).

7:20 p.m. - 7:35 p.m. - The full Steering Committee met w/subcommittee share out. The Finance Subcommittee shared that they would like to have the number of classrooms in each building (Facilities Subcommittee) and programmatic changes being considered (Programs Subcommittee).