

2 Fund 26 (2014 Mill Levy) Review Committee Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2015 – 2:00 PM – Lake Conference Room

Present: Ian Billick, Heidi Keck, Chris Dickey, Bill Powell, Stephanie Juneau, Doug Tredway.
Shawna Campos – note taker

1. Review proposed allocation of Fund 26 monies for FY15-16 per recommendations from principals and administrators, to ensure alignment with ballot language and category allocations. Make recommendation to BOE for April 6, 2015 Budget Summary presentation.
 - Initial discussion of what job of committee is. Role is to make sure that spending is consistent with ballot language.
 - Continue to use category allocations as presented to the school board.
(i.e. 35-45% Educators for Children, 30-40% Maintain Strong Curriculum, 20-30% Maintain Strong Infrastructure)
 - Strategic committee's at each site met to see what position they felt is needed in their building with addition of 1FTE.
 - Salaries will be paid out of Fund 26 unless the priorities or funding of the state changes. Otherwise funds will be paid out of Fund 26 in order to make sure schools can maintain the highest quality of education needed for our schools.
 - 1/3 of positions are for CBCS and 2/3 for Gunnison schools which reflect our school population.
2. Recommend to BOE 2016 mill levy in order to meet funding needs as outlined above
 - Next December look at outline of how funds have been spent and where we are at with spending.
 - Motion to certify that this proposal is in line with ballot language. Heidi Keck made motion and Chris Dickey seconded. All voted Aye.
 - Schedule meeting at end of May for update on State Budget final decisions and then can make final decision on Mill Levy at that point. All present agreed.
3. Review DEA-R and recommended amendments
 - Annual cycle – Committee would meet in March with documents provided ahead of time to look over. Meeting in May to review budget prior to board approval of Mill Levy spending and then meeting in December to review where we are with unspent funds and if money needs to be moved to fit needs.

- Committee is not meant to make decisions on individual line items, but to make overall recommendations that money is spent according to mill levy language.
 - Public presentation of documents.
4. Review DEA-E (exhibits to policy)
- Reminders of ratios for future at time Mill Levy was passed.
 - Student/teacher ratio. Ballot language says we want to maintain existing class size.
 - Max in Kindergarten of 19, 1st grade – 21. In general using research to set class sizes and they have application to lower class size if needed in certain situations.
5. Determine role of committee in communicating with public
- Process and factual information
 - Let Doug know if asked to present to group, that way he can come along if possible.
 - All information presented is public knowledge since it is a public meeting. But all information is a draft until approved by the Board. Should put dates and draft on all documents.
 - Should have short report from committee to share with public to show what is being done with money. Especially now that people have gotten property tax bills. That way they know what the intent of the Mill Levy money is.
 - Add little blurb to add in Gunnison Country Magazine about Fund 26 committee.

On next agenda: review reduction to negative factor and impact on mill levy certification.

Review revised language for exhibit and regulation.