

# Nov 20, 2025 | Budget Committee Meeting

## 1. Meeting Information

- **Topic:** District Budget Committee: Financial Review, Committee requested information Review, Memo Content.
- **Date & Time:** Nov. 20th. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4th.
- **Participants:** Morgan Dulian (Chair), Loa Carroll-Hubbard, Danette Peterson, April Scott, Teresa Lesage, Bev O'Donnell, Kate LaPlaunt, Jen Gunderson, Tobias Becker, Caroline Brown, Ben Loeffler, Amy Bell, Andy DeGraw, Ms. Nilson. (Key decision-makers include Morgan Dulian as Chair and Andy DeGraw as the primary information provider from the administration). Members absent: Amy Bell, Jennifer Redmond, Melissa Charlie, Valerie Stansel.

## 2. Discussion Overview

- Agenda Item 1: Procedural Business & Communication Protocols
  - Key Points:
    - Morgan Dulian: Stated the committee's mission.
    - Interim Conclusion: The agenda and previous meeting notes were approved. The committee was instructed to send all committee-wide communications through a designated administrator ("Michele") to comply with the Open Meetings Act. The administration confirmed it is tracking all information requests.
- Agenda Item 2: Meeting flow for tonight & Financial Data Review
  - Key Points:
    - Morgan Dulian: The Committee Memo to the Board will be presented by me at the January 20th meeting. Encouraged committee members to mark the date on their calendar and come testify at that meeting.
    - Andy DeGraw: Discussed Revenue & Expenditure Outlooks for FY27. Made it clear that he was in no way making official demands from the Borough on financial requests. Anticipating a \$0-\$2M deficit which does not factor in financial impacts from Charter Applications or Union Negotiations.
    - Additional conversations around Min/Max Local Contribution from Committee members.
- Agenda Item 3: Review of Committee requested information
  - Key Points:
    - Andy DeGraw: High level summary of Information request pages
      - Information on AP courses, Dual Credit courses, Out of District Homeschool students that participate in Student Activities, Current After School Program offerings, Student Rep report, Capacity & Enrollment figures, Fringe Benefits Appendix, 1-Tier Bus Routing.
    - Additional conversations around Before/After School Care Options, Benefits, and Homeschool enrollment from Committee members.

- Agenda Item 4: December 4th Memo Content
  - Key Points:
    - A working document was used to link Strategic Plan Pillars to Committee Priorities for Investments & Reductions
  - Supporting Data in no order of Priority (this is just an initial list):
    - Investments in PTR
    - Investments in BEST Homeschool
    - Investments in Before/After School care options
    - Investments in Art, Instrumental Music and STEAM in Elementary schools
    - Investments in CTE
    - Investments in Foreign Language offerings at the Secondary level
    - Reductions through North Star College possible restructure
    - Reductions through closures of BEST Satellite facilities
    - Reductions through relocating Star of the North program
    - Reductions through outsourcing Information Technology
    - Reductions through more efficient use of space in our existing High Schools

### 3. Decisions Made

- Confirmed Items:
  - ★ The meeting agenda and notes from the previous meeting were approved.
  - ★ Enrollment Review presentation by Dr. Ott to be sent out to the committee.
  - ★ A Prioritization Tool will be sent to Committee members soon to work on before the next meeting on Dec. 4th.
  - ★ A final memo will be produced and voted on at the next meeting [Dec. 4th]
  - ★ The committee will discuss more about the wording of the Investments desired for Homeschool enrollment.
  - ★ The next committee meeting will be held on [December 4th].