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TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting
November 09, 2023
7:00 PM

Sue Sherman, Chair
Michael Mascola, Vice Chair

Call to Order
7:04 PM

Roll Call taken by Kerrie Ward
Present: Sue Sherman, Michael Mascola, Karen White, Sabrina Alberg, Mark Sherwood, Sierra Dolce, Liz Kosta(7:16pm)

Not in Attendance: Julie Hammond, Kathryn Consalvo, Kristi Auclair

Administrators Present: Maria Watkins Business Administrator/CFO, Justin Krieger Interim Superintendent, Lisa Oliver Assistant Business Administrator

Kerrie Ward - Lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Mascola motions to approves the minutes from October 26, 2023 with edits.

Karen White seconds the motion.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 26, 2023

6-0-0

In Favor: Sue Sherman, Michael Mascola, Karen White, Sabrina Alberg, Mark Sherwood, Sierra Dolce

Correspondence – None

Delegates and individuals – None

Budget Recap October 26, 2023 –

Michael Mascola initiated a discussion on the $8,000 increase for the Athletics Hall of Fame dinner and whether or not it should be approved in the Athletics budget. Michael states that he feels the money should be focused on benefiting student education.

Karen White initiated a discussion on the campus security positions that were presented by the High School and Middle School.

Administrative Report – Justin Krieger

Justin Krieger states that at the next budget committee meeting they will here from Special Education and Facilities. Justin highlights the 41st middle school holiday music event.

Lisa Oliver announced that the girl's soccer team won the D1 championship for the first time.

Reports of Committees - None

New Business – Budget Presentations

Curriculum – Sandy Allaire

Sandy Allaire presents a FY2025 budget of $449,580.00 with a variance of $112,250 from FY2024. Sandy reviews her budget drivers, the largest being information access fees.

Previously IReady was paid for through the ESSER grant and the district had a three-year license paid for by that grant. The license is expired at the end of FY2024, Information access fees makes up approximately 57% of the curriculum budget, 32% is books and information resources.

Karen White initiated a discussion on IReady and her experience with her kids using the program.

Sandy responds that the program is not designed to align with their in-class curriculum. It is made to meet them when they're at as learners.

Sabrina Alberg asks a clarifying question if there is any data to look at IReady vs grades in their classroom.

Sue Sherman requests a motion to approve the curriculum budget for review.

Sierra Dolce makes a motion to approve the curriculum budget for review.

Mark Sherwood seconds the motion.

Motion to accept the Curriculum budget for review.

6-0-1

In Favor: Sue Sherman, Michael Mascola, Karen White, Sabrina Alberg, Mark Sherwood, Sierra Dolce

Abstained: Liz Kosta

Professional Learning – Sandy Allaire

Sandy Allaire presents a FY2025 budget of $354,000 with a variance of $0.00 from FY2024. Course reimbursement, workshops, tuition, are the largest budget drivers and are contracted items.

Sue Sherman requests a motion to approve the curriculum budget for review.

Sabrina Alberg makes a motion to approve the curriculum budget for review.

Sierra Dolce seconds the motion.

Motion to accept the Professional Learning budget for review.

7-0-0

In Favor: Sue Sherman, Michael Mascola, Karen White, Sabrina Alberg, Mark Sherwood, Sierra Dolce, Liz Kosta

Student Services – Ginger Drechsel

Ginger Drechsel presents a FY2025 budget of $277,044.90 with a variance of $108,445.90 from FY2024. The largest drivers being district wide training and learning applications and out of district tuition. Ginger also presents 2 social worker positions at approximately $110,000 with benefits for each position, and a .5 position ESOL teacher which is approximately $45,000 with benefits.

Michael Mascola asks a clarifying question on what's included in "benefits" for the new positions.

Maria Watkins responds that it is FICA, NHRS and insurance.

Sue Sherman requests a motion to approve the curriculum budget for review.

Michael Mascola makes a motion to approve the curriculum budget for review.

Mark Sherwood seconds the motion.

Motion to accept the Student Services budget for review.

7-0-0

In Favor: Sue Sherman, Michael Mascola, Karen White, Sabrina Alberg, Mark Sherwood, Sierra Dolce, Liz Kosta

Maria Watkins initiates a discussion on the default budget and how it is made. The default budget is up 2.9% from the current FY2024 budget.

Sue Sherman reminds the committee that the presentation for next meeting our the two largest budgets.

Other Business: None

Adjournment:
Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM by Sue Sherman

Minutes submitted by: Kerrie Ward

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