

Capital School District
945 Forest Street
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CAPITAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget Oversight Committee
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Vanessa Withers-Little
Sean Sokolowski, Business Manager

Wednesday, December 5, 2012
District Office Conference Room 126
MINUTES

(D)	DISCUSSION
(I)	INFORMATION

Budget Oversight Committee Members Present:

Dennis Hallock
Tina Huff
Cheryl Jenkins
Vanessa Withers-Little

Also Present

Sean Sokolowski, Business Manager
Toby Paone, DSEA
William Garfinkel, Citizen
Eleanor ZaPrade, State News

1.01 Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum

Quorum was established with four members present.

2.01 FY 13 Unit Count

Mr. Sokolowski presented the FY 13 Final Budget. Units increased from 471 to 488 due to increased enrollment as of September 30th 2012. Because of the increase in units, the district receives more Div II and Div III funding. Transportation expenses are expected to increase due to increased enrollment. The Educational Sustainment Funds are allocated from the State for FY 13 to offset the elimination of the Federal Stimulus Ed Jobs Funds. There was a net of 24 less choice students out of the district and there was a net of 55 less students attending charter schools resulting in less funds going to those sources. The assessed value of the district increased by 1.13%, which was an improvement over FY 12, but still does not match the historical growth. The minor cap allocation was increased for FY 13 to \$726,691 with the passage of the bond bill. The carryover remained virtually the same from FY 12 to FY 13 as expenses approximately equaled revenues. However, expenses are expected to exceed revenue for FY 13 which will result in a decrease to the carryover. Funds were transferred from the district Athletic Budget to Central Middle School's Budget to delineate that program. At the November School Board Meeting, the Board requested that \$2,000 be moved from its budget to Journalism at the High School. Translation services are needed for children to take the State Test so \$2,500 was added to the Curriculum Budget. The allocation for Computers needed to increase from \$100,000 to \$244,152 to purchase enough computers to accommodate the State Testing Program. Funds were added to replace a district vehicle. If a compromise cannot be reached at the national level to avert the Fiscal Cliff the district could lose 9% of its federal funds.

2.02 Citizen Oversight Committee Policy

Mr. Sokolowski presented the Citizen Oversight Committee Policy 300-14. The committee prefers to keep the Policy the same as the Procedure that was approved at the May 18, 2010 Board Meeting which first established the Committee. It was recommended that the new policy include postings for new positions be advertised in the newspaper in addition to being posted on the buildings and placed on the website.

2.03 Membership

The committee discussed the membership reelection process.

2.04 Monthly Reports

The November 30, 2012 Monthly reports were discussed.