

WILLIAMS BAY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022

Board Members Present: J. Lothian, K. Nelson, M. Schneider, E. Nichols

Absent: P. Peyer

Administration Present: District Administrator Dr. W. White
Business Manager Mrs. J. Frederick

Guests: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

President J. Lothian called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion to focus on Goal #3 of the Strategic Plan – Manage district finances, facilities, and resources in a responsible and efficient manner.

A. Discuss Enrollment Trends

Dr. White reviewed the enrollment trends for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years. The district has seen a decline of almost 100 in-district resident students. This data reflects students who have moved out of the community. The saw a decrease in open enrollment out and open enrollment in held steady. The district is anticipating enrollment to decrease or hold even over the next three years.

B. Review 2022-2023 Budget

Mrs. Frederick reviewed the current budget and answered questions from the Board.

C. Discuss Budget Trends and Long-Range Projections

Mrs. Frederick shared projections for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school budgets. The district should be able to balance the budget in 2023-2024 utilizing ESSER III funds and possibly a small portion of fund balance. There are lots of unknowns including a new state biannual budget, increase insurance costs, transportation costs, cleaning costs, and increases in salary compensation. Currently the district is projecting a deficit of about 1.5 million for the 2024-2025 budget.

D. Discuss Options to Address Potential Budget Shortfalls

The Board and administrators discussed options for addressing the projected budget shortfall in the next two budget with most of the focus being on the 2024-2025 budget. The primary option for reducing expenditures would be reducing staff and increasing class sizes. A referendum would be necessary to increase revenues.

E. Discuss Possible Impact to Employee Compensation and Benefits

Mrs. Frederick reviewed CPI indicated it is currently projects at approximately 8.1%. The board discussed recent hiring the salaries dictated by the job market. The Board discussed compensation models and what options may be viable. The Board also discussed work being done in relationship to co-curricular stipends.

VII. ADJOURN

At 10:43 am., K. Nelson/E. Nichols motion and second to adjourn the meeting, carried 4-0.

Ed Nichols, Clerk
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