

SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Budget & Finance Committee
Minutes
Intermediate School Staff Development Room
February 29, 2010

Present- Corinne Gunkle; Beth Stelts; Leah Christman; Jeremy Melber

Absent- Jeff Dimmig

Visitors- Andrew Katzer (Patch); Precious Petty (Express Times)

Mrs. Gunkle called the meeting to order at 6:20

1. Review PSERS and Review 3 Scenarios and PSERS impact :

A presentation will be given at the next Board meeting. There was discussion on what to include. We need to add information on all of the things we have cuts in the last 3 years. We will need to add to current list, previous cuts. Mrs. Gunkle asked what line 151 would look like if we remove PSER's? Jeremy will add a line under the % increase that shows a freeze on PSERS.

Dr. Stelts wants to see on line 148 Column O reflect ALL cuts as they occur.
We need a row that shows accumulated cut to date.

We need a graph that shows increases in PSERS costs.
Compress rows 153 to 156 to allow more current data to be visible.

The plan is to present 3 scenarios and have Board vote to approve one.

Mr. Melber gave an update on the work done on the computer lease. Multiple vendors have been contacted for both the buy-back and the lease. Mr. Melber was able to save additional funds from the original offers by working with the various companies. Members agreed that this is a positive move both financially and educationally and we should move forward. The plan to replace our current laptops and purchase additional laptops to move to a 1:1 ratio at the high school were discussed. This will save approximately \$200,000 each year for the next four years – under current technology budget expenditures.

The economy would need to grow 27% over next five years to maintain the budget with 0 tax increases. There was a discussion on the history of the economy ups and downs and predictions of the future. Members felt that we need to have this discussion as part of the presentation and Mr. Melber should create a graph of the history to show what kind of growth is needed. A picture of what it would look like with each scenario in order to meet budget targets in 2016 should be presented. We need to back out tax increases to show growth outside of the district.

The committee agreed to the following parameters for the Board presentation:

- Report on how proposed governor's budget will impact us.

- Show 3 scenarios.
- Show growth needed.
- Discuss cut list- as examples of things you are willing to cut.
- Vote on lease agreement.
- List number staff members that have been reduced in past years
- Documents will be presented in advance so that everyone has time to review. (email out)

B. Review Cuts to Date and 2.25 million cuts since July '11 and Review Potential Cuts and Ranking

The committee went in to Executive Session to review the current draft of potential cuts since it includes personnel items. The agreed upon list will be presented at the Board presentation and will be posted on the website at that time.

C. Set next meeting date:

The public meeting reconvened at 8:12.

No additional meeting dates were set at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Leah M. Christman