

**2018-2019 Budget Questions
December 18, 2017 BOE Meeting**

1. **What is the percentage increase to teacher salaries not including steps?**
1.75% increase for next year
2. **Is there any indication what the Board of Finance is looking for relative to the BOE budget increase?**
There have been no conversations with the Board of Finance.
3. **Since 83.3% of the budget is fixed expenses; salaries and benefits, would any reductions in the budget come from the other 16.7% of the budget?**
Yes, and that would directly impact students, however many of the expenses within that 16.7% are also fixed expenses, such as transportation and utilities.
4. **Where in the pie chart is the pay to play revenue included? Does the fee apply to just athletics or extracurricular as well? Is it for both middle school and high school?**
The revenue falls under the “Other” category in the pie chart. This will be presented in more detail during the athletics budget presentation, but it is proposed at a \$300 cap per family per year. The fee is just for athletics and it has not been determined yet if it will apply to both schools.
5. **How about instituting pay for parking for high school students?**
It has been discussed and the drawback is the need for additional manpower to ensure parking fees are paid.
6. **What is the impact to class size, specifically kindergarten?**
Next year’s kindergarten class is projected at 141 students, which is 20 more students than this year. A teacher will move from 1st grade to K to address this increase. Next year’s average class size for K is projected at 20.1, 1st grade 21.3, 2nd grade 18.7, 3rd grade 21.6, 4th grade 21.1, and 5th grade 20.1. Average class sizes at SMS are relatively small at approximately 15 or 16 and SHS’s average class sizes remains consistent at around 20.
7. **Accelerated classes at SMS are high, but you state class sizes are around 15 or 16.**
Average class sizes are around 15 or 16. Administration is looking at the middle school schedule to give equitable offerings to all students as there are inconsistencies. Any significant changes in the schedule will be for the 2019-2020 school year.
8. **What is not included in this budget that would be beneficial to have?**
The technology integrationist position is a loss, however the library media specialists, curriculum leaders and coaches have the capacity to do this work. Also, a HR director would be benefit to the district as currently the Superintendent and Business Manager are filling this role. The addition of a HR director would provide liability protection.

9. **How many students from Choice are currently enrolled in SPS?**

There were 72 students from Choice enrolled in SPS as of the October 1 collection. We will not be accepting new students from Choice next year due to the projected high number of incoming kindergarteners.