

Suffield Board of Education
Budget Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2015
7:35 a.m.
Central Office Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 7:35 am

Present: Mel Chafetz, Bill Hoff, Jeanne Gee, John Richter, Natalie Semyanko, Matt Service, Lori D'Ostuni, George Beiter and Board of Finance Member Ryan Anderson

Bill Hoff discussed additions to the budget that would be non-recurring including math curriculum, and the new media program at high school.

The committee discussed the following budget items in development:

- High School Media Program and impact on World Language 1.0 FTE
- Family Consumer Science and PBIS to be paid out of the Choice Grant
 - Recommend moving one or both into the operating budget
- K-5 math curriculum support; specifically regarding materials
 - Pilot systems, and start buying 2-3 years out
 - \$160 – 170K budget
 - Need to convene a curriculum cabinet meeting
- Increase custodial staff (1 FTE)
- Increase Technology/data specialist (.5 FTE)
 - Power School, trainer, digital memberships, etc.
 - Increase of .5 FTE (approx.); paid out of the Choice Grant
- Ryan Anderson discussed a “Discretionary Capital Budget”
 - Pull budget items out of operating budget and wrap into one larger line capital item; more discussion to follow at a future meeting
- Mr. Hoff suggested creating a list of end-of-year items early in the year to remove the perception of year end spending
- George Beiter discussed creating some budget goals; examples could include:
 - Continue 1:1
 - Textbook reductions
 - Zero increase

Committee discussed upcoming schedule. The Superintendent will present a budget to the full Board at the March 3 BOE meeting. The Board is expected to vote March 17.

The next meeting of the Budget Subcommittee is February 2, 2015 at 7:35 am. Topics to prepare and review are:

- SPED Tuition
- Open Choice and Magnet
- Utilities
- Transportation

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 am.