



Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee

MEETING NOTES

October 16, 2018

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Administration Building Boardroom

Members present: Deirdre Aden-Smith, Cynthia Bernard, Jerry Carney, Kenneth Davis, Jacqueline Dowds-Bennet, Stacey Fisher, Ford Joseph, Erin Hobson, Steve Kern, Bob Miner, Jane Morgan, Karen Petersilie, Ed Plute, Vickie Tonkins, and Daniel Yaciuk

Members absent: Dana Barton, Jess Kruckeberg, Noreen Landis-Tyson, Chip MacEnulty, Jim Mahoney, Marc Sabin, Anthony Shields, Jay Smith, Debbie Williams, and Howard Wilson

Guests: Gregory Ecks, Daniel Hoff, and Danniella Ewen

Ex-Officio members present: Glenn Gustafson and Amber Hickman

Preliminary Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Plute welcomed all and opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2. Agenda

The committee reviewed this evenings' agenda. At which point agenda item #10: Plan Amendment Update, #11: Bi-Annual Review, and #12: Discussion of Amendment 73 were added to the agenda. After such, there was a motion to approve and the revised agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the Meeting Notes

Dr. Plute called for a motion to approve the meeting notes from September 25th, and the meeting notes were unanimously approved at 6:02p.m.

4. Monthly Financial Statement Update

Mr. Gustafson explained the breakdown of the financial statements for both July and August 2018. His explanation included no property taxes in beginning of year, carryover amounts, and tax collection fees.

Action:

5. None

Non-Action Items:

6. Presentation: Discipline Problems in School

Dr. Ecks went through the PowerPoint presentation in which he provided. His presentation included their department name change, new method of collecting incident data (reduction of behavioral issue types), and current behavioral issue statistics. Dr. Ecks presentation was followed with a question session, which included lower suspension rates, student drug paraphernalia interests, and restorative justice protocols. Dr. Ecks presentation concluded at 6:18p.m.

7. Presentation: 2017 PIP 1 Comprehensive Student Support Model

Mr. Hoff introduced himself and explained how he is covering for Mr. Notestine and therefore will only be able to go over the surface level information. Mr. Hoff went through the PowerPoint presentation in which he provided. His presentation included, adding elementary level counseling staff, supplementing current support staff, phase-in plan specifics, and criteria used for school selection. Mr. Hoff's presentation was followed with a question session, which included financial help before the MLO, increased poverty and social challenges, collection of base line data, and councilor retention. Mr. Hoff's presentation concluded at 6:43p.m.

8. Presentation: 2017 PIP 5 Class Size Reduction

Ms. Ewen introduced herself and started her verbal presentation. Her presentation included, not using the FTE for class size reduction due to low student enrollment, and the criteria for which the additional FTE for special programs was distributed. Ms. Ewen's presentation was followed with a question session, which included hiring teacher's mid-session, long term substitutes, over staffing, reduction of student enrollment, special programs FTE distribution, and rolling over class size reduction FTE if unused. Ms. Ewen's presentation concluded at 6:57p.m.

9. Review: FY 17/18 Draft Audited Financial Statements

Mr. Gustafson explained how each year a financial audit is done by an independent firm in Denver, and currently this audit is 99% complete. Mr. Gustafson outlined the 3 page financial document, and his explanation included comparisons from previous years, general fund revenues, MLO revenues, and bond reserve. Mr. Gustafson concluded with a statement that, the audit numbers are preliminary and it is good to see the plan for the MLO to come together as we build up our bond. His review concluded at 7:05p.m.

10. Review: Plan Amendment Update

Mr. Gustafson updated the committee on the 2 plan amendments' progress. It was passed in the MLO and the Cabinet, and will go to the big DAC this week and soon after go the Board as an action item. The board will need a majority vote on this matter, but we are under the assumption that it will be passed. Only then will we be able to work on those projects.

11. Bi/Tri-Annual Review

Mr. Gustafson informed the committee for need of a sub-committee to review the RFP. The RFP has 2 pieces, one of which is MLO specific. The sub-committee is to help the district from an MLO standpoint, to look at the document and make recommendations to the Board of Education. The purpose of this RFP is not to audit information, but to evaluate the comprehensive plan of the district. 6 MLO committee members volunteered, and the committee will be updated on the progress at the November meeting. Mr. Gustafson concluded this review at 7:15p.m.

12. Discussion: Amendment 73

Mr. Gustafson started this discussion with the premise that we are to only talk about the pros and cons. This discussion is not to advocate or to sway judgement in any way. The discussion included, systems wide cuts to all schools, worse off school districts, the 2 parts of this constitutional amendment, pros and cons, needed majority approval to pass, D11 board is not unanimous, and to read the blue book on this matter. This discussion was followed with questions, which included, resolving former problems, tax collection in regard to a recession, and marijuana monies. Mr. Gustafsons' discussion concluded at 7:26p.m.

13. Future Agenda Items

KPIs
MLO Committee Charge
Absence Policy

Adjournment:

Dr. Plute reminded the committee that the next meeting is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving Break and we adjourned at 7:28p.m.

Future Meetings:

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 in the IT A and B conference rooms 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 in the Administration Building's Boardroom 6:00 p.m.