

Budget Meeting – March 1, 2021

7:00 p.m. – Zoom Platform

Attendance:

In attendance: J. Chaparro, B. Hawk, J. Hurt-Robinson, A. Loeffler, M. McClure, J. Miller, M. Pallone, T. Schaaf, L. Ashbaugh, T. Good, N. English, P. Tomlinson, W. Wilton, T. Whelan

Mrs. Ashbaugh welcomed everyone and explained that tonight was an informational session on the budget and no public comment was available this evening. She also reminded the members of the school board that no deliberation or discussion would occur either.

Dr. English welcomed everyone and explained that tonight's meeting was a Budget Session. Information pertaining to the 2021 -2022 Proposed Budget would be shared this evening.

Dr. English provided a brief introduction to the 2021-2022 budget by discussing the following points:

- The budget balances fiscal responsibility with program innovation
- Maintains current programming and staffing
- Provides for much needed curricular resources
- Provides for ongoing sustainability of technology and technology support
- Supports all current athletics programming and student activities
- In conjunction with ESSERS funding, provides a focus on mental health support and digital convergence
- Allows for continued focus on health and safety

Dr. English thanked Ms. Good for her time and effort and introduced her to begin the presentation.

Ms. Good shared a Power Point and reviewed the Proposed Budget. The budget touched on declining enrollments, limited local tax revenues, state funding inequities, the status of education at the State level, and the realities of expenditures caused by unfunded mandates such as special education, charter schools, and State retirement (PSERS). Ms. Good explained that this year's deficit is not new and that every year for the last 5 years have showed some deficit at this preliminary state. The district is facing some hard realities into the future as expenditures continue to rise at a higher rate than revenues can be generate. She explained that no tax increases were included in this version of the budget and nothing has been taken out of this budget at this point. She reminded everyone that only 20% of the budget is under our control since the other 80% of the budget is based on mandates, many of which are unfunded, and contracts. (This presentation is also on the school district's webpage.)

Adjournment: 9:00 pm