

Minutes
MSAD #8 School Board Budget Workshop
April 4, 2018
School Library
6:15 PM

Board Members Present: Virginia Wadleigh, Laura Lazaro, Kathi Young, Rachel Noyes

Absent: Renee Jones

Administration Present: Superintendent Roy Crawford, Principal Ann Kirkpatrick, Kathy Warren

Brief overview and explanation of changes in the following budget lines. Note that teaching position salaries were increased as dictated by the teacher negotiated collective bargaining agreement. Health insurance costs increased 8.5% after a year of decrease and a year of minimal increase. Non-teacher employee salaries have been increased by 3%. In addition:

- Debt Service Payment: decrease of (\$137,556). Interest payments have been waived for all future payments.
- Food Service Transfer: no increase
- Instructional Technology: \$1,000 increases in software contract costs.
- System Administration: Superintendent benefits decreased by an estimated (\$5,000) and housing increased by \$3,600 as approved by the Board in August 2017 and as determined by the VH housing market. This includes \$600 for heating costs which was moved from the fuel line to the housing line. Legal and audit increase of \$3,325 to reflect actual costs.
- System Administration: No notable increases.
- Transportation: decrease of (\$6,697). Part time Bus driver (if we can ever find one!) will not be given a health insurance benefit.
- Adult Education: No increase.
- Adult Education-Vocational School: net decrease of (\$26,632). We will begin paying our share of the debt service for the new tech center in Rockland: \$69,636. However, the State now directly pays the tech center \$96,268 which had previously been our local cost.

Detailed presentation and discussion of Operation of Maintenance and Plant

Roy and Kathy presented a two page Facilities Masterplan spreadsheet that attempts to capture all of our possible maintenance responsibilities given that our building is now 15 years old: interior painting, flooring, mechanical systems, roofing, pavement, playground and play areas, and the SHMH theatre. This long-range plan is a work in progress but for next year's budget the following expenditures are recommended. They total \$23,500 which is an increase of \$3,500 over the current year.

\$3,000 to repair/replace SHMH house lights. Only three are currently operating.

\$2,250 for repair of exterior doors.

\$500 to create a space to store athletic uniforms. Board members and those in attendance offered great suggestions on this topic.

\$3,000 to paint the main entrance lobby which is beginning to look shabby.

\$3,000 to do a comprehensive roof survey and to develop a comprehensive plan for roof replacement/repair.

\$4,000 for anticipated roof repairs where we are experiencing on-going leaks and seepages.

\$1,000 to repair exterior trim.

\$2,500 for maintenance of the retention pond and pavement and concrete repairs.

\$2,500 to put a sliding window in the control room of SHMH so the teacher/director can speak from the booth to the students on stage. It is currently fixed glass so communication is not possible.

\$2,000 to clean and "fireproof" the stage curtains which have been used for 15 years with no care.

\$12,000 is also recommended to install a workable air conditioning system in the school network server room. The current system has not worked properly for quite some time, repairs have been unsuccessful, and the current situation is unsafe: we keep the server room door open (which should not be accessible to students) and use a floor fan to cool the servers.

The next meeting will be April 11 at 6:30 in the MS science room.

The board discussed whether they will be able to finalize the budget as scheduled on 25 April. It was agreed to schedule a meeting for 2 May if necessary, with warrant signing on 9 May.