

To: Board of Education

From: Kathy Johnson, executive director finance

Re: Discussion and follow-up Budget and Program Evaluation Committee

Date: January 14, 2019

Background

On December 10, 2018 the board of education approved the establishment of a board committee for Budget and Program Evaluation (BPEC).

Purpose

The purpose of the committee, with board of education direction, will include participation in budget development, understanding the principles of sound fiscal management of the school district and state finance formula, budget assumptions, limitations on various funds, and other relevant budget topics.

The committee will review budget considerations proposed during the budget process, budget additions and or reductions, and provide the board of education with feedback on the impact of those budget considerations, to assist with the board in decision making and budget priorities.

The committee will evaluate the spending of resources, current and proposed, on various programs for efficiency and effectiveness to ensure resources, human and financial, are making the most impact to student achievement.

Discussion

Administration request the board of education provide direction on areas of focus for the 2019-2020 budget. Some areas of consideration for budget focus are as follows:

1. Deficit Spending
2. Topics from Listening and Learning Tour
 - Elementary Class Size
 - Teacher and Para compensation
 - Instructional Resources
 - Other
3. Existing committee work
 - Late Arrival
 - Alternative Programing (high school)
 - Elementary Specials
 - Other
4. Tentative Time Line: Propose first meeting to be Tues. January 22 or 28, 2019 5:00-6:30pm
5. Composition of Committee – Certified and Classified staff membership is still pending

Based on budget goals, assumptions and direction from the board, the BPEC will do the following:

- Review all budget considerations, additions or reductions, and related reports presented to the committee.
- Recommend priority of budget considerations for board consideration.
- Perform program evaluation, of existing and new programs, for spending efficiency and effectiveness.

Board Direction

Direction from the Board of Education on focus areas for 2019-2020 budget development and evaluation.