

MEMBERS PRESENT: Franco, Helmer, Holub, Matzek and Sizemore

CALL TO ORDER: By Chair Helmer, subject to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.83 at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Sizemore, seconded by Franco to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

Several people asked to be recognized.

Dr. Spicuzza went through a presentation relative to budget cuts based on the failed vote for the levy cap override. He began with a description of the typical budget cycle that occurs in multiple stages. A description of our current reality outlined the need to eliminate the embedded \$1.46 million dollar operating dollars previously approved from 2011. This lowers the baseline budget for fall of 2016. Next Dr. Spicuzza discussed the impact of our current enrollment and state funding and how it impacts funding moving forward.

After years of accelerated growth, our enrollment is plateauing and per pupil funding from Madison is zero this current year and next fall. Assumptions based on the current reality followed. An immediate freeze on all employees salaries for 2016-17, including lane changes for teaching staff is in effect. In addition, the district is aware of non-renewal timelines based on Wisconsin Statutes 118.22.

Prior to the vote on the district's operating levy, five areas were identified for major modification if the operating levy was not approved. These included:

1. transportation,
2. staff and programs,
3. discretionary budgets,
4. extra-curricular activities (review) and student and community fees (increase).,
5. future activities have been put on hold.

In order to eliminate \$1.46 million for the fall 2016 budget the following cuts were proposed and preliminary support by the board occurred. These areas included:

- Elimination of transportation for students residing within the city boundaries of Prescott. (Bus routes 5, 6, 16, & 17). Impacting 511 students 4K through 12th grade beginning fall 2016. Reduction of four bus drivers, and postponing future bus purchases moving forward.
- Layoff 12.2 FTE licensed staff, 4 from Malone, 3 from Middle School, 4 from High School and 1.2 from special education.
- 10% reduction of discretionary budgets: Technology, Maintenance, Supplies and Services.
- Middle School extra-curricular and athletics moving under PCR and become full fee based "Pay to Play",

- Temporary portables will remain at Malone.
- Current High School would be closed until funding is available to provide for Malone to split into two schools.

The School Board has set another special meeting for Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. where they will bring forward the licensed staff positions to be non-renewed along with a proposed resolution to move forward with first step in asking voters for another election on an operating levy.

Motion by Sizemore, seconded by Matzek to go to referendum for operating levy not to exceed \$1.46 million per year recurring. Roll call vote: Matzek-Aye, Sizemore-Aye, Franco-Aye, Holub-Aye, Helmer-Aye. The motion carried.

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Adjourned at 11:00 p.m.