

Meeting Minutes

State of the District – Dr. Randy Reid:

Dr. Reid, Superintendent of Schools, opened the meeting by providing the group an update on School Finance, House Bill 5 and Lawsuit. The school finance lawsuit we received a preliminary suit in our favor. 2/3 of the money was put back in school budgets however, in different areas from where it was taken from. New information, data and facts have been introduced to the courts and the judge's final assessment should be back before the school year is out. Knowing that the judge will not rule in our favor, it will go to Supreme Court to be appealed again. This time next year (2015), we should expect a ruling from the Supreme Court. We are pretty confident that we will win the ruling. Dr. Reid will be attending a meeting this evening on School Finance along with North West ISD. Bond planning update: a November bond election is moving forward. We have been working on the prioritization process with the Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC). In June we will have something down so that we can call a bond election in August. The amount we will be asking for is \$140M. There will not be a tax rate since voters are at the maximum amount.

Dr. Reid opened the floor for questions:

Q: Is there a way to itemize the different areas we are seeking bond money on, rather than "lumping" all items together?

A: Typically, you do not split the items up for a Bond election. However, during this summer, a survey will go out to community to receive feedback from them on where specifically their support lies.

He encouraged the committee to please share the news with the community so they are able to call with any questions.

No other questions were asked.

Finance Update – Mark Youngs:

Mr. Mark Youngs, Chief Financial Officer, provided the group with a detailed breakdown of where and how their tax dollars are spent ([see attached](#)).

Mr. Youngs opened the floor for questions:

Q: What is the consequence for paying less per student?

A: Class room size, teacher pay, amount of instructional support ex: technology

Q: With the growth issues we continue to have, how are we accommodating?

A: Within the next 3-4 years, we will be building a new Elementary. Our current schools continue to have space to expand.

Q: Are we anticipating a decline in our growth due to the new Charter School that is opening?

A: It's hard to tell at this time, since there is no way to gauge it. We know it will have some impact on our enrollment, but not enough to have a significant impact on us.

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Learning Update – Charles Carroll:

Mr. Charles Carroll, Chief Academic Officer, informed the group of our Title funding ([see attached](#)):

Title I is determined by the number of students on free/reduced lunch. If the campus reaches 40% of their students on free/reduced lunch, we are required by state to be deemed a Title I campus where we receive additional financial support from the state. However, the monies are heavily regulated. In 06-07 there were only two Title I campuses. By 2015, there will be a total of ten Title I campuses.

Title II is professional development. We receive additional support from the state to fund professional development for 2500 staff members. The money allocations from the state have significantly decreased.

Title III is Bilingual/ESL. We receive money from the Federal Government where we can fund more programs for our students. Our fastest growing population is Hispanic Students. This is actually one of the programs where we will see increase in additional monies.

HB5: Mr. Carroll provided explanations of how we are implementing several requirements of curriculum and instruction as required by state. We are working toward a new curriculum platform mainly due to us never having an integrated system all of which talk to each other. The new curriculum platform we are working on will allow us to do just that.

Charley informed the group of a Sub-Committee he is forming to provide him with further community engagement and feedback on House Bill 5 items. It will take place May 6th. The time and location is to be determined.

He opened the floor to questions: None were asked.

Elections – Cecil McDaniel:

Mr. Cecil McDaniel, Chief Administrative Officer, explained the voting process and provided the committee time to vote for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year. He informed the group of this being our last scheduled meeting for the 2013-2014 school year. He thanked them for their time and service.

The meeting was adjourned.

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