

Board of Education Finance Committee
Minutes
November 4, 2015

Present for the meeting were Ms. Helen Wade, Mr. Paul Cushing, Ms. Jan Mees, Mr. Tom Richards, Mr. Joe Toepke, Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Dr. Dana Clippard, Mr. Jim Cherrington and Ms. Linda Quinley. Ms. Mees called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

Dr. Stiepleman presented information relating to growing needs of the District and the cost of the growth. He led conversation regarding the changing demographics and how the needs of the student populations are met. Ms. Quinley led discussion of line by line budget management and reviewed some specific budget lines and the process year to year of managing these lines. The examples included special education operating budget, substitute budgets and testing operating budgets.

The committee then reviewed and discussed the administrations information relating to operating levy possibilities and bond considerations. Mrs. Mees asked the administration to cost and consider a 60 cent operating levy in addition to the 55 cent and 65 cent options presented. The primary intent of the operating levy would be to allow continued current operations of the District, improved compensation and staffing, and additional funding for achievement and opportunities for students. The committee agreed by consensus that the levy and bond considerations should be moved forward to the Board of Education.

Mr. Toepke moved to adjourn. Mr. Cushing seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Linda D. Quinley, CFO