# BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes - Monday, November 26, 2018

Members Present: Karen Arthmann, Sheila Buck, Andrea Catena, Philip Chang, Sara Cosgrove, Rhonda Delaney,

Christie DeWald, Dave Drury, Mary Ann Exler, Dan Hentschel, Brian Hill, Paul Hoak, Nancy Kula, Bob Logel, Marissa Logue, Cheryl Lomedico, Brandie Mercado, Ken Nelson, Kahlan Poltorak,

Pam Reinhardt, Jim Schultz, and Dina Stathopoulos

Members Absent: Chuck Allen, Lou Bouchard, Georgia Demartinis-Smith, William S. M. Hall, Maria Hamilton, Clay

Harris, John Kuehl, Heather Lockhart, Lauren Purvee, Betsy Skripnik, Karen Tambasco, Dave

Veldhuizen, and Nathaniel Wright.

Ex-Officio Members: Nichole LaPlaca, Paula Sharlow, Andy Whitmore, and Bo Wright

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

### WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & CHARGE TO THE COUNCIL

Bob Logel will once again chair the Budget Advisory Council for the 2018-19 school year. He began the meeting by welcoming all and by asking everyone to introduce themselves and their Rush-Henrietta affiliation. He also read the section of the notebook that contains the Charge to the Council.

## BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR THE 2019-2020 BUDGET

Andy Whitmore reviewed the flow chart of planned budget activities for both the BAC and the Board of Education.

## **BUDGET OVERVIEW**

Superintendent Wright thanked the group for giving of their time. He emphasized the importance of developing a school budget that is educationally sound, equitable, and fiscally responsible. This year's budget process will focus on the district priorities established at the Leadership Forum held this past summer. Those priorities include Instructional Programs, Special Education, Equity and Inclusion and Mental Wellness.

Superintendent Wright reviewed the major areas of expense that are driving the base budget, along with revenue projections. The budget gap for the base (rollover) budget is \$1.6 million. Keep in mind that this is the base estimate, during the budget process this year the gap will be closed as actual expense rates and revenues become known, along with any expense reductions and/or reserve usage.

#### FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN & RESERVE UTILIZATION

Andy walked the group through the five year financial plan for both revenues and expenses in order to explain that the district is predicting a structural deficit. The biggest impact would begin in the 2022-23 budget year.

Andy provided the group with a detailed analysis of the district's reserve funds, their purpose, and usage forecast to close any future budget gaps.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Sharlow