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

Members Present: Chuck Allen, Bob Bower, Sheila Buck, Andrea Catena, Sara Cosgrove, Rhonda Delaney, Steve

Fazio, Maria Hamilton, Dan Hentschel, Paul Hoak, Nancy Kula, Bob Logel, Cheryl Lomedico,

Robert Marks, Ken Nelson, Theresa Ottman, Heather Roth, and Jay Schickling

Members Absent: Karen Arthmann, Chris Barker, Ashish Behal, David Drury, Mary Ann Exler, William S M Hall,

Clay Harris, Marissa Logue, Brandi Mercado, Eliseo Mercado, Randy Naughton, Tracy Peters, Norai Pisano, Jamye Potucek, Pamela Reinhardt, Millie Sefranek, Dina Stathopoulos, Heather

Towne, and Kailee Vick

Ex-Officio Members: J. Kenneth Graham Jr., Paula Sharlow, Andy Whitmore, and Sue Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Dr. Graham reviewed the handout that was used at the Community Budget Forum. He began by saying that it is a solid budget, keeps the district on an even keel, with all programs intact, with a tax rate increase of no more than 1.92%. He also mentioned that all districts county-wide will be tapping into their reserve funds.

There will be two other propositions this year, along with the expenditure proposition (budget). Proposition #2 requests voter approval for Bus Purchases. The majority of the fleet will now be using propane fuel. The distribution station for propane will be built at the Transportation/Operations Center (TOC). The funding for the station was provided via a grant from Senator Patrick Gallivan.

The third proposition will ask the voters for authorization to purchase the Good Shepherd property. Dr. Graham outlined the rationale for the purchase (program benefits and cost analysis)

### **BUDGET COMMUNICATION PLAN/VOTER EXIT SURVEY**

Dr. Graham reviewed the district's communication plan and the voter exit survey - both will be the same as in previous years.

#### **BUDGET DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

Dr. Graham walked the group through the budget development framework document, which was created to help guide budget development for the next few years. The framework outlines actions that can be taken to reduce expenditures in an orderly manner, through the lens of the Program & Services review - what programs can we do without? Numbers appearing in the framework are meant to be illustrative only.

#### BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR THE 2019-2020 BUDGET

Andy Whitmore reviewed the flow chart of dates & activities planned for both the BAC and the Board of Education during the 2018-19 school year in the development of the 2019-20 budget. Andy asked the group if they would prefer to meet from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. next year but the consensus was to leave the meeting time at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Graham thanked everyone in attendance for their service on the Council. We all wish Dr. Graham best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Sharlow