

Minutes
Board of Education Workshop
Monday, January 11, 2021 at 5:10 PM
Northwinds Elementary
1111 - 7th Ave NW
Buffalo, MN 55313

Present: Adam Bjorklund, Amanda Lawrence, Melissa Brings, Amanda Reineck, Bob Sansevere
Present Virtually: Sue Lee, Ken Ogden

1. Northwinds Elementary Presentation: Carmen Tubbs, Principal

Continuing with AVID which promotes an introduction to career and college readiness. Will provide a college/career week opportunity in March providing exposure to options. Outdoor Learning opportunities have taken place due to COVID. Fifth Grade Student Ambassadors shared information about what it means to be an Ambassador for Northwinds Elementary.

2. Financial Projection: Gary Kawlewski, Director of Finance and Operations

\$1.6 million drop in revenue is mainly due to decrease in enrollment. \$2 million increase in revenue is mainly due to receipt of CARES funds. Projecting a fund balance of 13.82% (\$16,735,991) for June 30, 2021. Projecting a decrease in enrollment continuing for the next four to five years. If we continue with current staffing assumptions, would need to decrease staff by 15.3 FTE for 2021-22 due to decreased enrollment. Major factors that impacting this year's budget are enrollment, funding due to the pandemic and state funding.

Discussion: Additional funding has been passed at the Federal level but no determination for how that will be divided among the states. Discussion taking place at the legislature regarding using 2019-20 enrollment numbers for funding calculations. Surveying new Homeschool families to see if they plan to return in 2021-22. Recommending delaying the approval of the budget adjustments to February, 2021.

3. 2021-22 School Calendar Review: Anita Underberg, Admin. Asst. to Supt. and BOE

The 2021-22 School Calendar was approved in 2019 and is brought back for review. No changes are suggested.

4. Other

Committee Reports:

BS – WTC

AR – Endowment

Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Mark calendars for a possible Board Retreat on Feb 8th before the Workshop