ATTENDANCE: Rosa Murray, Chair; Mike Barbis, Heidi Keyes.

STAFF: Dr. Manuel Rivera, Superintendent; Richard Rudl, Chief Business & Financial Officer; BOE Member Shirley Mosby

Call to Order

Ms. Murray called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and stated that members in attendance were as listed above and there was a quorum present.

Budget Forum Summary Priorities, Concerns, Areas for Improvement

Dr. Rivera explained that process for the budget development represents the items suggested a year ago, school submissions, the public forum summaries and input from the Superintendent’s budget advisory group comprised of building principals, and central office staff. He then presented the following summary priorities:

- Curriculum & Instruction
  - New textbooks needed, particularly at the middle school level (Social Studies)
  - Impact of legislation that potentially moves up Kindergarten cut—off date
  - Importance of Curriculum & Instruction Site Directors
  - Pre—K enrollment, registration, expansion
  - Academically Talented programs
  - Support for librarians and library resources
  - Expansion of World Languages to elementary
  - Common Core training and support, teacher evaluations
  - Support for the arts

- Transportation
  - Traffic calming methods
  - Lack of crosswalk
  - Basic maintenance and repair needs
  - Need for blinds (Wolfpit)
  - Impact of new residential developments

- Facilities & Operations
  - Repairs and upgrades to PA systems
  - Sidewalk Safety, Traffic - schools to Wheels bus stop (Briggs)
Extra curricular and After-School Programs

Athletic Trainers for injury
HS band programs have a proven success, but are underfunded
Transportation and after—school programming
Need for physical activity, younger students Importance of athletic injury prevention/ detection
Success of Freshman Academies

Other Topics
Interest in continued expansion of Chrome Books, including use at after-school programs
Student web access at home
Keyboadring lessons
More guidance counselors and social workers
ECS funding disparities
HS scheduling issues, “flip” HS and elementary start times
Funding for influx of new ESL students
Translation resources and support for ESL parents
PTO and parent club communication needs
Parent engagement, particularly at Middle Schools
Class sizes and paraprofessional support
Shortages in adult mentors

There was discussion and with suggestions of key areas from the Board members.

October 2014 Financial Monthly report

Mr. Rudl stated that since this week’s meeting was just the Organizational meeting, the financial report was not presented to the full Board. He referred to the budget report and explained that for October financial expenditures were compared to the theoretical rate at 33.33% and YTD Actual is $39,370,480 of the Adjusted Budget $167,027,368 - Current Theoretical Rate 23.6%

Mr. Rudl gave an over of grants, as follows:
Priority Schools Grant Supports Early Literacy, Drop out Prevention, Alternative Programs
Award: $4,278,664 + Projected Carryover: Total Funds: $4,393
$115,000,664

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Alliance District Grant

- Alliance is in the 3rd Year of a 3 Year Grant.
- The State has indicated preliminarily that the grant will continue next year.
- Award: $1,180,676
- Projected Carryover: $415,000
- Total Funds: $1,595,676
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IDEA Grant

supports Special Education.
Award: $1,921,000

Mr. Rudl provided a brief overview of Priority funding ($4.2 million) and Alliance ($1.3 million) and noted issues are pending the Commissioner of Education.

It was agreed to have this draft outline presented at the next full Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Knox
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