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A. New Business

1. [8:30 - 8:40 AM Board Comments](#)

Minutes: none

B. Board Agenda Review

C. Information

D. Discussion

Item 2

2. [8:40 - 9:20 AM Tentative Budget Review](#)

Attachment: [TENTATIVE BOOKLET.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Executive Summary 2014-15 Tentative Presentation.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mike Perrone, Associate Superintendent and CFO, commented that the budget data is fluid until the final presentation in September. Cyndi Wolfe, Acting Senior Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the 2015 tentative budget.

Mr. Mullenax asked if the 5% reserve fund balance percentage could be maintained in a separate account. Mr. Perrone stated that the policy is that a 5% reserve fund will be reflected at the end of the budgeting year. Mr.

Berryman supports having the 5% as a budgeted item by year's end.

Mrs. Fields asked if the budget reflects the funds needed to address school grades. Superintendent LeRoy reported that there are funds in the Categorical and that grant dollars will be used to support schools. Mr. Perrone added that there are school-based positions in the staffing plan and vacant positions that will help the lowest performing schools. Mrs. LeRoy commented that Title 1 funds were allocated differently, along with guidelines that it be used for student academic support.

Mrs. Wright questioned the reduction of para positions and asked who will assume their duties. Mr. Perrone reported that the reduction could be by the school's choice. Superintendent LeRoy will review each position to see what has occurred.

Mr. Berryman questioned the increase of the total operating budgets; up 6%. Mr. Perrone stated that fuel costs were moved to each department's operating budget along with maintenance costs.

Mrs. Cunningham suggested an asterisk (*) be placed on the reserve fund balance line item explaining that the percentage will be at 5% or above depending on the lapse factor. Mrs. Sellers would like a workshop to clarify when the 5% goal is reached and where it should be maintained.

Mr. Harris questioned why East and West Area adult schools are not reflected as separate sites. Cyndi responded the adult students are reflected on a separate line item.

Mrs. Wright questioned allocations for Chain of Lakes; historically the school reaches over 1000 students but are allocated at 925.

Mr. Berryman asked if a projected lapse line item would more accurately reflect a true or ongoing fund balance. Mr. Perrone will review the options and report back.

Mrs. LeRoy will present recommendations for reporting a more accurate and transparent fund balance at the July 29th Work Session.

Item 3

3. [9:20 - 9:30 AM BREAK](#)

Item 4

4. [9:30 - 10:30 AM 2014-2015 Student Progression Plan](#)

Attachment: [2014 2015 SPP workingCopy 07102014.pdf](#)

Attachment: [No 2 2014 2015 SPP PCSB 07162014.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Senior Directors Jacqueline Bowen and Jacqueline Speak provided a review of the 2014-15 Student Progression Plan's major changes:

- upgraded third grade retention
- acceleration options
 - by content or grade level testing
 - cannot skip third grade
 - kindergarten cannot be before 1st 9 weeks
 - 1 school in each area has requested an acceleration unit
- legislative changes that impact student progression
- clearly defined multi-tiered support
 - adding a link to the parent guide to help understand the multi-tiered process
- updated secondary NCLB waivers language
- student progress monitoring
- entrance and grade placement requirements (age 5 on or before September 1st for K);

Secondary changes:

- master scheduling statute requirements
- acceleration
 - guidelines for high school courses taken in middle school
- middle school progression to high school is 2.0
 - as soon as a student falls below the 2.0, the student is placed on an academic improvement plan and summer program
- revising credit/number of years in high school
 - due to acceleration
- updated federal programs and charter schools (other programs)

E. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM. Minutes were approved and attested this 12th day of August, 2014.

Dick Mullenax, Board Chair

Kathryn M. LeRoy, Superintendent