

Orange Board of Education

2019-2020 - Budget Session 2 Workshop Minutes

February 11, 2019

Workshop opened at 6:05 PM by Chairman Kraut

Present: Bill Kraut, Jeff Cap, Susan Riccio, Charles Flynn, Mary Welander, Christian Young, Ken Ziman, Betty Hadlock, Kim Browe, Chantelle Bunnell, Dr. Vince Scarpetti, Mary-Jo Sierakowski, Dr. Evelyn Russo, Rosie Slowik, Mike Luzzi, Matt Ullring,

Session called to order 6:05 pm on February 11, 2019

2019-2020 Budget Workshop – Dr. Scarpetti opened with a PowerPoint and led the discussion of the following agenda items:

- **Review Positions not included in budget** – review of FTE Lit support, .75 math aide MLT, asst principal to share between PPS & RBS, HVAC, STEAM, Tech positions. Mr. Luzzi recommended that after review of HVAC expenses, that full or part time HVAC person would be not justified at this time. Positions will be considered after review of proposed budget
- **Capital items**
 - Peck freezer, intercom speaker system and ceiling tile on town capital list;
 - Items discussed but not currently included in the budget: MLT classroom flooring, Art room sink and cabinets, RBS kiln, impact of fire codes, carpeting, furniture solutions and other requests.
 - ***Request that we budget for updating classroom furniture and adding HVAC in the future***
 - ***Additional work needed to determine HVAC costs.*** Revisit after review of budget.
- **Laptops** – Option 1 and 6 were selected by the board during session 1; After discussion with the teachers, teachers have indicated that they are fine with Chromebooks, office 365 and OneDrive, continue with current. Mr. Ullring's recommendation is to keep the current Chromebook and exercise the buyout option. 1-2-year decision to determine status.
- **Need additional pre-k classroom** – Mrs. Slowik presented the special education / typical preschool selection process. Special Education students are identified by Birth to 3 services, referral by parent or pre-school at any time of year, by the child's 3rd birthday. Child must have PPT to determine services.
 - Tripled number of special ed pre-K since 2014-2015 school year.
 - Needs are more severe than in the past including wheelchairs, braces, etc.
 - Requirement that there is always at least 50% non-special ed students.
 - ***Based on current enrollment, need for 3rd teacher for pre-K***
 - ***Costs are mitigated by ability to leverage grant funding, tuition funding, and a reduction in outplacement costs***
- **Professional learning** – Dr. Russo explained that expenses include curriculum mapping, symbol imagery training linked to SRBI, and Emotional Intelligence.
 - Option for symbol/concept imagery to shift professional development services from external consultants to a part-time in-house person so that all staff can learn, and children can benefit from this service and will result in a \$5000 savings.

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- **Class size policy** – After review of policy, the Policy subcommittee validated that the policy states that the Board votes on class size in May. This will allow the board to have the most up to date numbers for the coming year
- **Proposed budget request 2.63%** - Note that contractual obligations are 3.14%, we are doing more with less to continue to be fiscally responsible.
 - Board reviewed other items that might be included in the budget. Board would like to include the following:
 - .5 Symbol imagery professional
 - Recommendation for the Superintendent and team to recommend capital items up to 2.8%
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Motion made to approve the FY2019-2020 Board of Education budget not to exceed 2.8%. Motion by Charles Flynn and 2nd by Ken Ziman. In favor - unanimous yes vote.

Motion to Adjourn the 2019-2020 Budget Session Workshop 2 by Susan Riccio and 2nd by Ken Ziman In favor - unanimous yes vote. Adjourn 9:27pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan Riccio, Board Secretary on February 12, 2019