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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Budget Reconciliation Reasons and Target
Contact(s):
Presenter(s): Karsten Anderson, Superintendent

Nature of Action Requested

Board Action
Board Information or Report

Background Information

The School Board discussed budget reconciliation reasons and options for targets at its March 22nd meeting:

Reasons for Budget Reconciliation

1. Due to COVID, the district hired additional personnel. Additional personnel included 9 online-only teachers, custodians, substitutes, nurse, administrator, and support personnel.
2. Due to COVID, the district had additional operational expenditures, including the use of Jefferson School.
3. Like other districts throughout the state, there are fewer students (nearly 120 students compared to May, 2020) attending Red Wing this year. This results in the need for rightsizing in all buildings to be in line with class-size targets.
4. Budget assumptions assume 0% state aid increases for the upcoming school year.
5. Budget assumptions do not include some COVID funding from the Federal government.

Options for Budget Reconciliation Targets

The School Board reviewed a variety of budget reconciliation targets, but primarily focused on targets between \$2.2 - \$3.0 million. Three options are included in the attached spreadsheet...\$2.2 million, \$2.5 million, and \$3.0 million. Consistent with the Jackie Paradis' recommendation, the Superintendent recommends a budget reconciliation target of \$2.2 million. Making larger reductions now will lower needed reductions for 2022-23, but the district should have more information before making larger reductions.

Recommendation

I move to set a budget reconciliation target of \$2.2 million for fiscal year 2022.