BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSHOP JUNE 16, 2025 BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Present: R. Anderson - Virtual, E. Carlson, J. Fitzsimons-Bula, K. Giantonio, L. Osenkowski, S. Pons, M. Simmons - Virtual, D. Tagariello - Virtual, J. Van Gorder

Called to Order: 5:30 PM

The budget workshop began with a slideshow presentation by Commissioner Pons.

Superintendent White then spoke and introduced Technology Director Jeff Telke, who discussed the technology cuts outlined in an itemized list. He noted that the cuts would only be effective for one year, and emphasized the need for additional funding to restore his department's budget over time, to compensate for the reductions he was willing to make. Following this, he took questions from the Commissioners.

Deputy Superintendent Hawk then reviewed the BOE budget option worksheet, which was examined line by line and discussed by the Commissioners.

MOTION #1

On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Van Gorder to accept the technology cuts as presented by Jeff Telke. Roll call vote: Commissioner Pons - Yes, Commissioner Simmons - Yes, Commissioner Fitzsimons Bula - Yes, Commissioner Anderson - Yes, Commissioner Carlson - Yes, Commissioner Giantonio - Yes, Commissioner Osenkowski - Yes, Commissioner Tagariello - No, Commissioner Van Gorder - Yes. Motion passes 8 - 1.

MOTION #2

On a motion by Commissioner Tagariello, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the board accepted the 4 million dollar cuts from the original spreadsheet presented in May, which include equipment, office supplies, and other cuts. This is separate from the budget option worksheet presented tonight. This motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #3

On a motion by Commissioner Carlson and seconded by Commissioner Tagariello to approve all of the cuts outlined in tonight's presentation, except for the items without a dollar amount, and the furlough day is pending approval from all unions. Roll call vote: Commissioner Pons - Yes, Commissioner Simmons - Yes, Commissioner Fitzsimons Bula - Yes, Commissioner Anderson - Yes, Commissioner Carlson - Yes, Commissioner Giantonio - Yes, Commissioner Osenkowski - No, Commissioner Tagariello - Yes, Commissioner Van Gorder - Yes. Motion passes 8 - 1.

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MOTION #4

On a motion by Commissioner Tagariello and seconded by Commissioner Carlson to approve the budget cuts of 1.697 million dollars, which included the six literacy/math coaches in an additional worksheet that was previously submitted to the board. This motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #5

On a motion by Commissioner Tagariello and seconded by Commissioner Carlson to accept the SY 25-26 budget of \$137,061,815. This motion passes unanimously.

Adjournment: 9:19 PM