

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative
Finance Committee Minutes
February 25, 2016

1. Present: Julie Ann, Fran, Lisa, Donna, Tony, Seth, Laurel, Mike, Daina, Anne, Carla, Nancy
2. Budget Assumptions
 - a. Salaries are not known at this time, due to negotiations
 - b. Retirements, only 2 TAs this year
 - c. Average teacher salary/benefits--\$75,676
 - d. Enrollment is very tentative at this time
3. Administration Budget
 - a. Distributed to each budget by FTE; 12.75% decrease overall
 - b. Most of the decrease is due to reductions in retirement costs and legal fees
 - c. Instructional Support, distributed to all FTEs (with the exception of OT/PTs) with a small increase due to salary/benefits and stipends
4. O & M
 - a. Overall increase of 12.88%
 - a. Building projects: electric panels, roof repair (\$35,000), counter tops and sinks, parking lot repairs
 - b. Minimal repairs and maintenance over the summer
 - b. Billed by population formula
 - c. Technology rotation total replacement costs: \$36,890 for laptops, iPads, laptop cart, document camera
5. Related Services: Distributed Costs by Enrollment were discussed.
 - a. Psychology (All). Approximately the same.
 - b. Health (All). Approximately the same.
 - c. Assistive Technology (All except ECHI & 12+). Approximately the same. Will need additional assistance for IT.
 - d. Adaptive Physical Education (NP, ABLE, ELS). Approximately the same.
 - e. Vocational (ELS 9-12, ABLE 9-12, and SAIL). Dependent on total enrollment.
6. Itinerant Services: Billed by Minutes
 - a. Hearing Impaired. Approximately the same.
 - b. Visually Impaired. May require an additional .4.
 - c. There was a discussion of the NIA costs and supervision of HI, VI, OTs and PTs. This matter will be discussed with the Board.
7. Services by FTE in Programs or Minutes. Final decisions are dependent on enrollment.
 - a. Speech-Language (NP, ELS, SAIL, 12+, leftover billed by minutes)
 - b. Social Work (NP, CLASS, ND, SAIL, SS, ELS, 12+, leftover billed by minutes)
 - c. Occupational Therapy (NP, ELS, leftover by minutes)
 - d. Physical Therapy (All programs billed by minutes)

8. Program Budgets. Final decisions are dependent on enrollment.
 - a. ECHI: Early Childhood Hearing Impaired.
 - b. ELS: Educational Life Skills (Cognitive Delays, K-12).
 - c. NP: New Pathways (Autism EC-10). Still working on the location for the high school section.
 - d. ABLE: Ability-Based Learning and Education (Multiple Disabilities K-12). Due to space limitations, students who are eligible for high school may need to continue to stay at the middle school.
 - e. SAIL: Transition (18-22). There are still many question marks with referrals to SAIL.
 - f. Twelve Plus (18-22). We are anticipating a reduction in students being served by this program.
 - g. ND: New Directions (Alternative Program; Behavior/Emotional Needs, K-12). The out-of-district students have kept this program viable. There are very few students targeted for early primary services.
 - h. CLASS: Integrated Program for Behavior/Emotional Needs, K-5). This program is stable for the upcoming year.
 - i. SS: Safe Schools, Alternative to Expulsion (7-12). No changes.

9. IDEA.
 - a. Shared Professional Development is anticipated to be approximately the same as last year.
 - b. MV Professional Development is anticipated to be approximately the same as last year.
10. Requests for Behavioral Coaching days have increased for the upcoming years. The formula will no longer be used and will instead be direct bills. These funds can be allocated from the professional development portion of each district's IDEA funds, if desired.
11. Medicaid. No changes since the last meeting. It is anticipated that these funds will continue to decline.
12. ALOP. No changes since the last meeting. Some proposals are in the works in order to include general education students.
13. FY17 Tentative Budget Summary. The budget is extremely tentative because it is based on enrollments as of the end of January. It is likely to change, but at this time, the budget is coming in nearly 4% less than last year's budget.
14. Board Workshop: March 2, Mid Valley 10:30; Next Meeting: March 17th