

**MID VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

JANUARY 21, 2016

- I. Present: Mike, Seth, Lisa, Laurel, Tony, Anne, Donna, Julie-Ann, Nancy, Carla
- II. Funding For Children Requiring Special Education Services (300m) is being added to GSA. Some districts will benefit from moving these funds with the changes in the GSA funding. There really is no new money added to GSA, although the Governor is reporting it to be. It is troubling that MOE is required, even if you win or lose under the new formula.
- III. D303 Administrative Fees. The fees have increased a little. For next year, the fees for internet services are increasing, but the overall fees are about the same.
- IV. Technology Plan. 10-20 ipads; 13 laptops; 0 desktops. We will need to revisit the iPads.
- V. Capital Outlay Plan
 - a. Projects/Facilities Update. Nancy reviewed the progress on this year's projects and the projected plans for the upcoming year.
 - b. Roof. Honeywell is holding up the process. ATSR is putting together specs. What is required for the roof really dictates what projects we will be able to undertake and the timeline for all projects.
- VI. IDEA
 - a. Plans for Shared Professional Development were shared. Without the part-time behavior coach, the amounts are about the same. With the behavior coach as a consultant, and including the consultant fees for Pam Leonard, the percentage of IDEA funds to be shared would be 2.57%. Meetings with liaisons are occurring now to determine the extent of the need for behavior coaching services.
 - b. Mid Valley Professional Development is the same as requested for last year.
- VII. Projections will be submitted to MV by the end of January. This will be the basis for the program budgets. Updates will be submitted by the end of February, but this will not allow enough time to adjust the budgets for the Board workshop on March 3.
- VIII. Budgets
 - a. Administration. The overall budget will decrease by 13% due to decreases in retirement costs, legal fees and unemployment.
 - b. Improvement of Instruction. The budget has an overall increase of 9% due to increases in stipends and salary increases.
 - c. O & M has an estimated increase of .37%, but this is extremely tentative due to the uncertainty of the roofing needs.
 - d. ALOP
 - a. Estimated Budget for FY17 was presented with tentative plans. The liaisons will need to continue the discussion of how to use some funds related to a position to assist districts with mental health services in the schools.

- e. Safe Schools budget was presented with an estimated 12 students. There is a slight increase in tuition of \$200.
- IX. Alternatives
- a. New Pathways High School option was discussed as there are 6 students targeted for that option for FY17 and 8 total students for FY18.
 - b. Plans for D303. At this time, the district has definite plans to create a program similar to MV's 12+ program.
 - a. Board Workshop will be on March 2, 2016. At the next Board meeting, we will be discussing what information they would like to review and who should attend.
- X. Next Meeting Date: February 25, 2016 1:00 – 3:00