

Mahtomedi Public Schools
Independent School District #832
1520 Mahtomedi Avenue
Mahtomedi, MN 55115

Regular Meeting - Board of Education

Date: May 11, 2017

Agenda Item #10. C.

TOPIC: Approval of Resolution Relating to 2017-2018 Open Enrollment (Window #2.5)

BACKGROUND: There are four open enrollment application windows (February, April, June, and August) where enrollment numbers are looked at and it is determined whether or not grades should be closed to open enrollment. Open enrollment is used to balance out class sizes, fill grade levels, and use our buildings most efficiently. At the April 13, 2017 meeting the School Board was split on accepting first priority students in grades 3, 4, and 5. The School Board directed administration to prepare a recommendation for the April Study Session and indicated they may take action in what they called Window #2.5.

The School Board has enacted a policy to have an 8.0% unassigned fund balance. Through a combination of enrollment that would bring the total number of students close to the 2015-16 school year, some budget reductions, transfer of assigned subsequent year budget, the preliminary 2017-18 budget projection shows the unassigned fund balance at 7.88%. This would require additional budget reductions, adding additional students or a combination to make up the difference of roughly \$60,000.

Adding 4 students in Grade 3 would generate roughly \$42,000 in additional revenue, but put projected class sizes at 26.6 which is above the 2015-16 metro average of 24.5.

Adding 4 students in Grade 4 would generate roughly \$42,000 in additional revenue, but put projected class sizes at 25.2 which is below the 2015-16 metro average of 25.9.

Adding 5 students in Grade 5 would generate roughly \$52,500 in additional revenue, but put projected class sizes at 27.2 which is above the 2015-16 metro average of 26.6.

RECOMMENDATION:

Grade 3 accept 4 first priority

Grade 4 accept 4 first priority

Grade 5 accept 5 first priority

ACTION RECOMMENDED: The Board approve the resolution relating to 2017-2018 Open Enrollment as presented.

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