

RTM Education Committee
May 20, 2020

Present:

Clara C. Sartori
Barbara L. Thorne
Petr Marousek
Carolina McGoey
Edward A. Washecka
Janet F. Grogan
Ann B. Reed
Curtis Butler
Elizabeth Lucas
Theresa Vogt
Karen McNicoll

Guests Members of the Board of Education Tara Ochman, Dennis Maroney, Duke Dineen, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Addley
Director of Finance Rich Rudl

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm

Mrs. Ochman, Dr. Addley and Mr. Rudl made introductory remarks regarding how the Administration would handle the budget with the cuts made by the Board of Finance. Dr Addley mentioned the deferment of certain capital projects that were not credited as reduction by the Board of Finance and mentioned that going further in cutting the budget would impact educational programs. There was discussion of the shortfall already projected because of revenues that will not happen because of the cancellation of summer school and field rental as well as contracted costs that will occur.

Discussion ensued as the dollar differences between the original budget, the budget as reduced voluntarily by the Administration and the amount after reduction by the Board of Finance.

There was discussion about the possibility of pre buying some items this year that would not then be an expense in the 2020-2021 budget.

Mr. Dineen mentioned opening up the budget to look for efficiencies and continue the dialog.

Discussion ensued regarding the list of cuts that was discussed during the Board of Finance meeting and whether those could be considered as valid ideas or not.

Discussion ensued with regard to what happens when the Administration runs out of money as they would have much less flexibility under the new budget amount and an unknown amount of Covid related expenses. It was thought that the process of going back and forth to the Board of Finance was unwieldy.

Mr. Dineen then gave an update on the Ox Ridge Building Committee work and their plan to build in extra capacity and to build the building on a budget that would be within the limits of funds voted on by the RTM last year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted

Ann Reed
Secretary