

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 in the school media center by Steve Hase.

Roll Call: In attendance: Kurt Allen, Rebecca Beers, Wendy van deGraaf Attending via phone: Steve Hase; Absent Dr. Michael Burke Steve Hase stated the board has attempted to meet 2x in June but was not able to have a quorum which is the reason for not approving the preliminary budget prior to beginning of fiscal year.

Additions/Changes to agenda – Steve Hase and J. Menard reviewed new business items, no additions/changes to the agenda were suggested.

Approval of minutes: Steve Hase asked for comments regarding the minutes. Steve Hase noted a quorum was present. Kurt Allen made a motion to approve the minutes. Rebecca Beers seconded the motion. Steve Hase called for a vote. Motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Approval of Preliminary Budget - Lisa O'Grady shared Cathi Cohen's resignation and Greg Young's addition as the Group Finance Director for Diane's Group. Steve Hase asked Lisa to extend the boards' thank you to Cathi for serving the school over the years and best wishes in her new job. Christian Toth shared that the budget looks good moving forward, FTE funding was increased, Capital Outlay is decreasing and the Equipment Use lease is up this year. He explained the prior year payback line item saying projections showed a deficit for current year so we decided to roll amount into new budget to pay back to Imagine for an advance to end the year without a deficit. Greg and Christian reviewed budget and with changes to come in next revised budget yet there will be no deficit in current year budget. Expenses are mainstream and indirect will rise. Kurt Allen asked Christian to review revenue section. Christian Toth explained the enrollment was set high to balance the budget but now that the legislation passed the new FTE amount, we should be ok. Current breakeven is 919. James Menard shared we are calling 16 from the waiting list today which will improve current enrollment of 892. Lisa shared that on the first day of school there is usually a wash between students coming and leaving. The school has a plan in place to reduce expenditures that will not affect direct student personnel.

Kurt Allen inquired about the following:

- why the rental income change from 6K to 12K. Jimmy explained rental for church last year was for a partial year and we also have cheerleading rental.
- questioned the lower amounts in instructional and administration. Lisa explained the change in regional staff salaries supporting the school versus academic coach and that regional salaries were floated through school.
- if the reduction of 2% in payroll to cover shortfalls last year was going to be adjusted to make the salaries whole again. Jimmy replied yes, they have been adjusted.
- food service revenue is less.
- asked about why the change in Technology line item and asked about the equipment use fee ending. Christian Toth shared it is a declining lease. KA asked what was bought with the lease money and Christian said he would find out and share out at next meeting.

Rebecca Beers asked if we are buying more technology as it is a complaint of many parents.

KA interjected, do we have any funds appropriated for technology? Jimmy replied no. A discussion was had regarding grants or acquiring from district, or BYO device. Board members shared their concern about MS students not having access to technology. James Menard shared the school is looking at STEM to bring to the school. Rebecca made the suggestion to add a line item for new technology and a plan to make that happen.

Lisa O'Grady suggested to approve the prelim budget with the caveat to budget for technology after seeing the end of year budget and the beginning enrollment in New Year.

Wendy van deGraaf suggested the tech person, Jeremy, present a tech plan to the board with several options. Steve Hase advised the board has the authority to give direction to Imagine regarding a tech plan with the amount of money to be allocated. Rebecca Beers suggested to have a plan with a dollar amount in the budget. Also suggested in the future the board should not approve a budget without technology listed in it. Wendi Beers suggested to use the words "no less than" so that we can spend more than what is in the budget. Kurt Allen inquired about the following:

- classroom supplies are cut in half with textbooks going up then asked, Are we going to be short on supplies? Christian Toth shared that the classrooms will be fine and have enough to function and that the school eliminated overspending and use. Lisa shared the new K-2 curriculum will need less copies.
- field trips and why the reduction. Christian Toth shared the school was paying for a lot for trips. A discussion was held regarding purpose and tying the trip to learning. Rebecca asked about grant writing person who was going to volunteer to help. Jimmy Menard shared that person was not able to help as we expected.
- the expenditures in telecommunications. Christian Toth shared Erate process and we are waiting for a reimbursement rate. This fee is for phone service. Greg said ERate has changed and no longer will we receive a credit on service but a discount on hardware. More info will be provided at next meeting.
- office supplies cut by 4K. Christian Toth said the school is cutting back on essentials.
- Principal travel and it was explained the amount of travel has been reduced for cost cutting measures.
- the change in Internet and it was explained there was a change in provider.
- the increase in lawn care, janitorial supplies and it was explained cuts were made last year but bringing into this year to cover needed work.

Rebecca Beers asked about the lease increase and if there was a possibility to renegotiating lease. Lisa O'Grady shared the lease is part of a REIT. Negotiating would affect several schools in the REIT. Kurt Allen asked for more info on lease. Steve Hase shared the history of the school and Imagines' backing in its early years and financing the addition of the middle school. Steve Hase called for a vote. Rebecca Beers motioned to approve with caveat that after enrollment is determined in August the revised budget to add technology to the budget. Kurt Allen seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Principal and Imagine School's Report – James Menard presented end of year STAR data. He pointed out grades showing minimal growth or no growth. Lisa explained how growth is determined, 1.0 or above. Kurt Allen asked about new legislation and if any testing will be dropped. Lori explained the end of year tests for all course codes were dropped. Rebecca asked about 3rd grade issues. James Menard explained only one new teacher in 4th for the low 3rd graders moving up. James Menard shared organization wide learning gains data for Imagine. Lisa O'Grady shared transformation schools had some of the highest gains overall. James Menard shared the planning in process to adopt Success Time which is one of the main factors of the transformation schools successes. Jimmy discussed hiring process has been stepped up to share Imagine and to get hires that want to work for Imagine. Also shared planning professional development for staff. Jimmy gave update on pending litigation in that no determination has been made. For the region report, Lisa O'Grady shared restructuring of Group Region Directors and that Lori McCarley will be Jimmy's direct supervisor yet each RD will be supporting the school in specific ways. Rebecca Beers asked about loss of FTE revenue from previous year. Lisa said she will have Jennifer Fornes work on that issue and come to speak at the next meeting.

Ethics Policy

Steve Hase asked that other than some grammar, typos and punctuation errors need corrected, the policy looks like it covers all areas. He shared the importance of having a policy for the board. Board members had no issues or comments. Wendy van deGraaf made a motion to accept the policy with adjustments made in grammar, typos, and punctuation. Kurt Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Board Chair

Steve Hase shared bylaws has term limits. Shared it has been a joy to work with the school and all the professionals. Believes the school is heading in the right direction. The board has been patient with him calling from out of state. It has been a great privilege to serve. Asked for volunteers to take on the chair role and opened the floor for suggestions. Kurt Allen shared he is willing to take on the role of chair. Wendi Beers added since it is her last year, it was important to have Kurt take the role and she supports him taking on this role. Kurt Allen shared he looks forward to meeting the challenges of what we will face in the next years and is happy to serve. Rebecca Beers motioned to nominate Kurt Allen as board chairman. Wendi van deGraaf seconded the motion. Board member had no comments. Steve Hase called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

A discussion was had and August 27, 2015 was determined.

James Menard shared words of thanks to Steve Hase for his service as a board member. A plaque will be mailed to Steve as a show of appreciation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori McCarley