

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. in the school media center by Kurt Allen.

Roll Call: In attendance: Kurt Allen, Rebecca Beers, Wendy Van deGraaf. Absent Dr. Michael Burke.

Notice of Meeting: Website and Office flyer

Additions/Changes to agenda – none

New Business: Rescind amended budget from 8/27*

Discussion: Greg young explained the process the board is going through regarding rescinding the budget in order to submit a more accurate budget to the district. Wendy Van deGraaf motioned for the August 27, 2015 budget to be rescinded. Rebecca Beers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Approval of Revised Budget – Discussion: James Menard began the discussion by explaining the reductions shown in the new budget are clerical, non-instructional staff. He shared PTO is conducting a BBQ as a marketing action. James also shared at the staff meeting the deficit and need to increase enrollment and cut expense. He reiterated to the staff it is important we partner with parents by being communicative in order to retain students.

Greg also shared the reduction in capital outlay funds received and explained how the capital outlay is divided out amongst charter schools. He also explained some schools were left off the list for funds and more schools could be added which may further decrease the available funds.

Greg addressed the need to be more conservative in enrollment with the preliminary budget in the future. Rebecca shared the concern that we always budget for what we need and not what we have. Greg shared the task force will look at every line item to reduce costs within statute and class size. Rebecca needed clarification regarding the reason for this budget submission. Greg shared the budget cannot have a deficit or negative fund balance; the school will submit to district all revised budgets. A discussion was held regarding benefits and other costs that have risen when revenue has dwindled. Wendy asked James plan for reductions. He shared reductions with this budget and that a task force will look at the budget, line by line, for more reductions. A discussion was held about approaching the district for local funds, meeting with congressman, and other possible local efforts to build relationships. Wendy also shared that teachers need to publish their wish lists to help with costs. James stated current enrollment today is 869.

Rebecca Beers motioned to approve the revised budget and give school staff full authority to make adjustments throughout the revision process. Wendy Van deGraaf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Imagine Schools Report - none

Hear the Audience - none

Hear the Board - none

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori McCarley