

## **2022-23 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

**Virtual Meeting**

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

The meeting started at 7:03pm.

1. 7 members were present: Erik Sullivan (Chair), Michael Lyons (Vice Chair), Chuck Rush, Katherine Christensen, Andy Greenwood, Jenn Wagener, and Nellie Carr
  - County Board liaison Reid Goldstein
2. Public comment
  - None
3. BAC discussion on document: BAC Response to Superintendent's FY24 Proposed Budget
  - One-time funding
    - One-time funds should be used for one-time expenses
    - Future large increases in compensation should not be funded with one-time funds
  - Contingency planning
    - This should happen every year as part of the planning process
    - It's even more important considering upcoming risks
    - Wanting to be prepared for potential decisions in the future
  - Compensation & Staffing
    - Staffing is a huge part of the budget so focus on this area seems necessary
    - Pyramid structure for staffing levels
    - Reduction of administrative staff or non-school based staff – disproportionate increase in non-school based staffing
  - Transportation – reducing or eliminating altogether should be considered
  - Option schools
  - Revenue increases
    - Looking at activities and athletics – what is the right balance between potentially charging for participation and not discouraging participation, and helping to defray costs?
  - Class size
    - Consolidation of schools in close proximity to better leverage school buildings and reduce overhead costs
    - Do we have opportunities to better align boundaries/students to reduce overhead?
  - Reserves
    - Reserve balances should be maintained at certain levels, which reflect the amount of projected future risk

- The amount of reserves that can be used in a given year is limited to a defined percentage
- Majority of close out funds need to be channeled to reserves given the amount of future risk
- Metrics
  - Metrics should be defined whenever possible
  - Metrics should definitely be provided for all new requests going forward, and ideally for some past projects
    - Suggested to try a pilot of a past project to gauge feasibility
- Buckets of expenses
  - Keep the lights on
  - Growth
  - Discretionary – prioritization needed most here
- Security
  - Support the general investment in security and threat assessment but it doesn't feel like there is a strong plan for how these resources are going to be deployed

#### 4. Next steps

- Next meeting will be April 19th

The meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.