

MINUTES

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION

23 January 2013

Members Present

Amy Demboski
Shirley Nelson
Bob Griffin

Andy Clary
Al Tamagni
Bill Webb

Jim Bailey
Liz Vazquez

Members Absent

Joe Riggs - Excused

Guests:

MOA: Larry Baker Mayor's CoS

ASD: Kathleen Plunket,
Chad Stiteler, CFO

1. Meeting Called to order 8 members present

2. Roll Call 8 members present

3. Approval of Agenda -- approved no objections

4. Approval of December and November 2012 regular meeting minutes -- approved with change of Tom Smith's name removed as member.

5. Reports:

- a. ASD, Chad Stiteler ASD CFO, Mark Plunkett School Board Member

Chad gave an overview presentation of a School Board memo of state budget forecasts project a billion budget deficit based on current spending trends. Based on that assessment the ASD has started a hiring freeze back in July and facing the elimination of around 100 positions in the district

The continuation budget has a deficit of about \$25 million to be presented to the School Board in the January 24th School Board noon meeting. Public testimony welcomed at the later meeting that day. Feb 4th is the first reading and Feb 24th the second reading of the budget.

A new budget model moving away from a historical allocations based model to an actual formula based model allocations. The allocation model is based on benchmarking other high performing school districts of similar size in the lower 48.

In order to help close the budget gap \$7 million from the fund balance was allocated.

Chad described the \$18 million in structural budget changes with some limited details on building maintenance, special education, management and clerical positions that will be unfilled after natural attrition.

Budget that will be presented will be balanced without reducing any of the classroom focus keeping all of the staff reduction outside classroom teaching position.

Pupil Transportation and CTE was supplemented late in the legislative session last year along with a \$7 million supplemental payment for increased costs, with no change to the BSA.

b. Bob gave a presentation on a draft white paper, Repurposing Excess Anchorage Elementary Schools. After a brief discussion, further discussion was tabled for future meetings.

6. Member comments

None.

7. Next meeting scheduled for Dec 7th Noon

12:05 PM meeting adjourned