

Strategic Planning, Facility and Finance Joint Committee Meeting
January 9, 2024
5:30 PM

In attendance: Bailey Sweet, Fred Ward and Kerry Bedard attended in person. Zoom attendance- Kimberly Lavalley, Barry Tanner, Richard Merkt, Lori Finn, Kristi Greenwood, David Bedard and Jason Nero

Trustee Sweet opened the meeting at 5:32 PM. The following items were reviewed as a follow up to the December meeting and previous committee meeting.

- Timeline and development of the 2024-2025 school budget-Director Bedard and Blundell Accounting begin work on January 17th for the 2024-2025 school budget and updated 3 year budget
 - Goal is to present the 2024-2025 draft to the board by February 22 meeting-meeting data moved out to February 22 to accommodate this goal
 - Dates will be reviewed and released for status updates by January 18th
 - Determining the actual cost to educate a Lionheart student without grant money is a priority along with facility expenses
- Use current data for key expense drivers for facility, faculty/employees and operations
 - Working with actual numbers for 1.5 years of operations
 - Still limited data but we are in a better position to forecast the next 3 years
- Student enrollment numbers need to be updated
 - Review attrition in middle/high school transition
 - How many students can we educate in current location with grades K-12
 - Developing realistic numbers for high school with focus on academics and “wish list” items
- Continue to review expenses related to facility and facility needs
 - Review of facility indicated some items will be very challenging to accommodate for high school
 - Discussion with landlord will be held-Chairman Tanner is taking the lead
- Compromise will be necessary as we find a solution. Significant increases in construction costs and school funding plays a large part in this process
- Heat maps for enrollment provided David Bedard
 - Clearly outlines where current enrollment pulls from and identifies towns for the school to focus on for future enrollment
- February 8th is the State Board of Education hearing for our one year checkup. All board members are strongly encouraged to attend if possible and support Director Bedard and Lionheart

Motion to adjourn: Richard Merkt motions to adjourn, Kimberly Lavalley 2nds, all in favor.

