

To: Board of Education

From: Kathy Johnson, executive director finance

Re: Budget Plan 2018-2019

Date: July 23, 2018

Background

At April 9, 23 and May 14th board meetings, the board of education discussed various budget considerations for the 2018-2019 school year. At that time the courts had not ruled on the adequacy of the legislative bill passed in the 2018 session and final decisions on all budget considerations was not made.

Rationale

Since then, the courts ruled on adequacy of the finance formula and felt the legislature had done enough, schools would remain open, but the courts would retain jurisdiction and ask that during the 2019 session, the legislature would need to deal with the inflation aspect of the finance formula as the final piece of the adequacy ruling. The courts will review again in May of 2019. No change of funding for 2018-2019 was made from what the Legislature passed during the 2018 session.

Although the Kansas State Board of Education has not released budget forms, and exact state aid amounts are not known, decisions on budget considerations, as additions to the budget, need to be discussed and approved or not approved as a part of final budget planning.

The report on Monday will review the budget assumptions for 2018-2019 budget document, budget additions and reductions approved to date and pending budget considerations left for approval or non-approval, along with salary considerations for all employee groups. Certified still is still pending negotiations.

Recommendation

Administration recommends the board of education make final decisions on any new additions and or changes to the budget plan since May 14, 2018 and provide any additional direction for final state budget documents following the report.

Motion (only if necessary to approve anything new since May 14 meeting)