

BPEC

Budget and Program Evaluation Committee

May 5, 2021

Remote Meeting

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Present (via WebEx): Kathy Johnson, Anthony Lewis, Lindsey Buck, Anna Stubblefield, Brad Kempf, Jill Anderson, Kevin Harrell, Marcia Riggins, Kelly Jones, Laurie Matney, Myron Graber, Catherine Glidewell, Kevin Etzel, Robin Yackley, Zachary Conrad, Larry Englebrick, Samrie Devin

Absent: Colin Neill, Blake Swenson, Julitha Rials, JoLynn Albertson-Sears, Jacki Mickel, Lisa Koppes, Mary Lee, Melissa Johnson, Patrick Kelly, Phil Mitchell, Rick Henry, Heather Renk

Welcome– Kathy Johnson

Reminder that the meeting notes are saved on the Google drive.

Future dates for BPEC scheduled meetings: May 19 and Jun 2, 2021

Board of Education meeting dates and budget timeline – (Handout)

Agenda:

1. Legislative Update:
 - Still no funding approved for K-12 Public Education for 2021-2022

2. KSDE Preliminary Audit Results under review
 - Exceptions are being reviewed for agreement and follow up
 - Enrollment down 647.9 FTE on 9/20/2020 from 9-20-2019
 - Enrollment Weighting areas:
 - i. Transportation
 - ii. At Risk 4 Yr
 - iii. At Risk K-12
 - iv. At Risk Building High Density
 - v. Career and Technical(vocational)
 - vi. Bilingual
 - LOB new deficit of 548,190.00
 - Virtual Education State Aid preliminary audit 2020-2021 \$544,294.00
 - Update on 2020-2021 budget year shows a short fall of \$633,492.00
 - i. Utility bill due to arctic freeze will be under legal arbitration

Discussion regarding the encumbrance of the utility bill in the 2020-2021 year and options for payment. A portion of the utility bill has been paid to avoid interest and late fees. The total charge is on hold and possible will need to be paid at a later date.

- ESL Support - Review of District Programming Projection
 - i. Thresh holds and Staffing update – targeted projection of 213 with 3 FTE Contingency

3. Financial Summary 2021-2022 - Review

- Still waiting to see the number of FTEs that will come back for the 2021-2022 school year
- Concern regarding the Free and Reduced lunch application and the additional funding factors based on those applications. The USDA indicates the application may not be used as all lunch will be provided for free for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Review of staffing and vacancies, restructuring, and savings tied to those changes
- Pending items

4. Items for next meeting

- Information on pending items
- Status update for closing year
- Legislative decisions
- Review of plans for vacancies and restructure
- Revisit Virtual Education and the impact for 2021-2022

Discussion on staffing requirements for virtual education and brick and mortar positions. All staff are district employees and we follow the same procedures for LVS staff as for brick and mortar staff.

Discussion on the drivers and programs that attract families and students to Lawrence Public Schools and meeting the needs of current students.

Discussion on the possibility of looking at the enrollment out of district students and the process for those requests.

Discussion on the funding attached to ESL students that are attending virtual education.

5. Meeting Concluded 4:50 pm

- **NEXT MEETING** – May 19, 2021 (Wednesday)- 4:00-5:30pm – Remote meeting