

Redding Board of Education Meeting  
February 2, 2010

Attendance: Gaspar, Barrickman, Joyce-Kirk, Goldberg, Lewson, Miller  
 Administration: Cicchetti, Sullivan, Mas, Freeston, Farrell, Martin, Wallin, Pierson Ugol,  
 Wessman Huber  
 Members of the Public: 25  
 Call to Order: 7:34p.m.

Discussion and Possible Action: Proposed 2010-2011 Operating Budget: Administration distributed a document with proposed reductions to 2010-2011 budget. Dr. Cicchetti explained that the reductions were not listed in half percent steps but grouped in tiers, and that the proposed reductions were not necessarily listed according to priority.

RES	JRMS	SpED	
Reduction in pension expense \$ 4,872	Reduction in pension expense \$ 9,325	Reduction in Ad salary budget \$	
Increase in CO + \$ 2,259	Increase in CO + \$ 2,258	1,186	
Reduction in Ad salary budget \$ 1,186	Reduction in Ad salary budget \$ 1,186		<b>Tier 1 reductions \$ 108,696 =5.65%</b>
Reduction in property insurance \$ 1,017	Reduction in property insurance \$ 1,017		
Reduction in telecommunication budget \$2,000	Reduction in telecommunication budget \$		
Reduction in electricity budget \$ 7,500	5,000 Reduction in electricity budget \$		
Reduction in health insurance \$ 41,586	4,800 Reduction in health insurance \$		
	32,478		

<p>Savings from the resignation of one teacher \$ 10,000</p> <p>Reduction of .6 FTE certified staff \$ 59,500</p> <p>Reduction of non-cert hours &amp; position \$ 23,000</p> <p>Reduce summer program stipends \$ 2,580</p> <p>Discontinue NWEA testing \$3,700</p> <p>Reduction in summer curriculum work \$ 11,000</p>	<p>Reduce instructional supplies \$ 9,500</p> <p>Eliminate &amp; reduce non-cert positions \$ 35,528</p> <p>Remove request for Math Specialist \$ 76,048</p> <p>Reduction in summer curriculum work \$ 6,000</p>	<p>Increase preschool tuition \$ 12,000</p> <p>Increase in IDEA grant \$ 35,000</p> <p>Increase in excess cost \$ 27,000</p> <p>Salary savings for retirement of psychologist \$ 20,000</p>	<p><b>Tier 2 reductions</b>  <b>\$ 331,000 = 4.00%</b></p>
<p>Increase Kindergarten to full day program \$ 85,000</p> <p>Eliminate 1.5 FTE certified staff \$ 105,000</p> <p>Reduction in summer curriculum work \$ 11,029</p>	<p>Eliminate 1.0 FTE certified staff \$ 110,000</p> <p>Reduce non-cert position \$ 3,184</p> <p>Reduction in summer curriculum work \$ 5,682</p>	<p>Eliminate homework center through reallocation of grant funds \$ 14,000</p> <p>Remove request for incr. in social worker .2 FTE \$ 13,000</p> <p>Reduce SpED contingency \$ 10,000</p>	<p><b>Tier 3 reductions</b>  <b>\$ 356,711 =2.21%</b></p>
	<p>Reduce extra-curricular student activities \$ 8,500</p>	<p>Eliminate 1.0 non-cert position \$ 35,000</p> <p>Reduce SpED contingency \$ 10,000</p>	<p><b>Tier 4 reductions</b>  <b>\$ 53,000 =1.94%</b></p>

Board members had a lengthy discussion pertaining to the proposed reductions. Mr. Barickman initiated a discussion centered on the risks involved with possibly reducing the Health Reserve Fund. He also asked Administration to provide information regarding how much we are spending on personalized learning, in order to give the board

greater clarity when considering proposed reductions. No action was taken concerning the budget; the board will meet on Wednesday, February 10 at 8:00p.m.in the RES Library to propose an initial budget recommendation.

Administrative Reports: Mrs. Pierson Ugol reported that recent Professional Development included grade level teams working with specialists. She also thanked the PTA for the Winter Carnival which was held last Saturday. The RES PTA and the RES Kindness Klub sponsored Pajama Day on Friday Jan. 22. The Pajama Program is an organization that helps provide new pajamas and books to needy children. Mrs. Martin also reported a fabulous Professional Development day last week; she commented that the Social Studies team is working on reading in the curriculum. Dr. Cicchetti announced that he will continue to visit the schools in the district and he will be in RES on Monday Feb.8.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session

Next Meeting: Feb 10, 2010

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