

Board Briefings

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S TUESDAY, MARCH 26 BUDGET WORK SESSION:

• 2019-20 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT — A recommendation for new staff positions based on instructional program needs was presented as the School Board held its third work session on the 2019-20 budget. This includes the addition of two instructional coach positions to support the learning needs of teachers districtwide. At the High School, the recommendation is to add 1 social studies teacher and a .6 science teacher, to increase elective options. In order to maintain seventh grade teams at the Middle School and to allow for co-teaching at eighth grade in 15:1 classes, the teacher additions would be: .6 art, .4 science, .4 ELA, .4 social studies, .4 math. The district also plans to restore 1 cleaner position at the High School. There are nine known retirements, all of which will be filled. Assistant Superintendent Barbara Sporyz said that projected budget expenditures have been adjusted to reflect a 6.5% health insurance increase and Teacher Retirement System costs associated with retirements and staffing additions. Revenue projections remain unchanged as the district awaits finalization of state aid. With the expenditure revisions, the budget gap is \$770,673. The board is scheduled to adopt the budget on either April 9 or 16. Community presentations on the spending plan are scheduled for April and May. The district will also have a booth at the Hamburg Farmers' Market on May 18.

• MOA'S WITH BARGAINING UNITS — The board approved memorandums of agreement with its six bargaining units regarding health insurance.

• FUTURE MEETINGS — Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boston Valley Elementary cafeteria & if needed, a budget work session on Tuesday, April 16 at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building

Michael Cornell, Superintendent March 27, 2019