

Region 14 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2010

Meeting Start Time: 6:30pm
Meeting End: 7:03pm

Attending:

Scott Baider
George Bauer
Chuck Cosgriff
Dr. Cronin
Jay Hubelbank
Gary Suslavich

1. 10-47c regionalization amendment study items related to the Finance Committee

Mr. Suslavich summarized the key areas to be addressed by the Finance Committee which are the costs associated with staffing, the cost of facility changes and the transportation costs. He asked Mr. Hubelbank to comment on each area.

a) Staffing

Mr. Hubelbank stated that for the planning purposes any staffing increases in the non shortage subject areas, he uses the MA Step 3 on the teachers' contract. If staffing is needed for shortage areas such as High School Math and Science teachers, he uses the MA Step 10. The above is consistent with the current budgeting process.

b) Facilities

Mr. Hubelbank explained that if minor changes must be done to the facilities, the regional staff would perform them. For more complicated modifications or for those activities which require a licensed contractor, he and Mr. Molzen will seek a number of estimates on the proposed work and will average the costs to provide a budgetary number.

c) Transportation

Mr. Hubelbank explained that we currently have a contract with First Student Transportation which has two years left. A primary factor in transportation costs is the number of buses used. He stated that he felt there would be a cost savings in a two tier model from the current three tier. The total savings will be identified once the transportation model is finalized.