

Recommendation to Establish a Budget Planning Group

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Background: The District Scorecard displays the desire to develop a balanced budget plan. The District has been fortunate and responsible for achieving that in the operating funds for the past several years, but obviously the present economic climate both at the state level and the local level leaves concerns regarding the Revenue side of the budget specifically. The current negotiated agreement with the Geneseo Education Association expires at the end of the 2009-10 school year. The administration has found favorable and consistent cooperation with the GEA and looks for this relationship to continue.

Proposal: It is my recommendation that the Superintendent be encouraged to convene meetings with a representative group to review the historical trends of District income and expenditures, review the present and future climate for educational funding, and work collaboratively and collegially to prepare budget parameters for future consideration.

Those to be represented include the following:

Superintendent
Director of Operations
2 Board Members
HS Principal
MS Principal
Southwest Principal
2 HS Teachers
2 MS Teachers
2 ELEM Teachers

The first meeting would be scheduled prior to the March Board meeting in enough advance time to be able to present a report to the Board at the regular meeting.

Evaluation: The process will be considered a success when :

1. each member of the group responds favorably to the question, "I have reviewed the budget and understand the sections of the financial reports that allow me to answer questions of my constituent group or can direct people to where they can find the answers."
2. the group can present recommended parameters for the FY 10 District Budget.
3. the group can recommend a final FY 10 District Budget to the Board of Education for approval at the September Board meeting.
4. the group can recommend criteria for future budget parameters indicating the important sections of the budget for priority consideration.

Please note that this is a Superintendent Committee, not a Board Committee.