



BUDGET/FINANCE MEETING

Meeting Date: March 29, 2010

Location: School 14

Time: 6:30 pm

Superintendent's Remarks

- Budget meetings are to inform public of status of budget and hear concerns
- Superintendent recommended to BOE to consider closing a school as numbers do not justify 8 buildings and we must be fiscally responsible
- No school has been identified
- No school has been recommended to the Board
- Primary sources of income is state-aid and the taxpayers
- State aid has been significantly reduced so we must reduce expenditures

Fund Balance

- School districts are encouraged to have a fund balance for use in contingencies and unforeseen emergencies
- Fund balance is used to give District financial stability
- TCSD has been prudent in having a reserve and has needed in past years to repair broken underground pipe leading to PS 14 and to cover expenses which may go over budget ex. Substitute teachers; additional charter school expenses
- State budget will not be approved by April 1st so we must plan conservatively
- History of State aid and fund balance was distributed.
- If District used all fund balance to close budget gap, it would create a larger set back the following year.
- The District has appropriated \$8,125,000 in fund balance for the 10-11 budget.
- Designated fund balance such as the reserve for employee benefits; workers comp reserve and unemployment reserve can only be used for specific purposes. These reserves can not be used as revenue in the 10-11 budget.

Financial Report for February

- No issues to report

Response to Public Comments

- Capital Project does not have a major impact on budget because it is a 94% funded by state. Remaining balance is payable over 15 years. This state aid is from a separate pool of money that can only be used for building use, not programs or salaries.
- Rumors of school closings have taken flight. No school has been named and all factors are being considered such as proximity to other schools, transportation costs, enrollment, programs
- No decisions have been made regarding re-districting because no decisions have been made about closings.
- New Covenant Charter School has been voted to close and a campaign is underway to get students back to District.

PUBLIC BUDGET FORUM – Wednesday, March 31st (DMS Auditorium)