

2009-10 District Budget Advisory Committee
February 10, 2009
Minutes

Chairman Brett Greenwood welcomed everyone, thanked them for serving on the committee and introduced Superintendent Ken Vedra.

Superintendent Vedra thanked the members and asked everyone to introduce themselves. He reviewed the Budget Savings Ideas Process and Timeline, the committee's charge, and explained how savings ideas were categorized into the three groups:

- Group 1 Items: Potentially feasible for implementation by Sept. 1, 2009, but remain recommendations at this point.
- Group 2 Items: Potentially feasible but require future consideration because they are subject to Collective Bargaining Agreements or legal review.
- Group 3 Items: Do not appear to be feasible, are illegal, are already implemented, are unclear, or are repeated on another list.

He also explained that the resulting list of prioritized items resulting from the committee's work will be recommendations to him and that while he will take their priorities into consideration, it may be necessary for him to make some changes as part of his final recommended plan to the School Board.

Assistant Superintendent Ron Cowan provided a brief report on the current financial state of affairs and the likely future financial challenges the district will face as a result of anticipated reduction in state and federal revenue. He also reviewed the Budget Savings Plan Philosophy and Criteria.

Gerald Baron, group facilitator, explained the committee's work for the next 2 days and the standard group norms that will be used to guide the committee.

Brett Greenwood walked the committee through a practice exercise on how to use the voting machines.

Group 1 was distributed and Gerald Baron led the committee through discussion of the 115 budget savings ideas, allowing for members to obtain answers to their clarifying questions. Committee members then reviewed Group 2 and Group 3 items.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 11 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 212.