

**RSU5 Board of Directors Workshop
February 2, 2011
2011-2012 Budget Priority Areas**

The intent of the Board's priority setting is to guide administrations effort to develop the proposed budget and the Board's deliberations about the budget. The Board's established priorities will be shared with the public during school-based meetings held during the months of February and March. The proposed 11-12 budget will be presented to the Board and community on March 22nd and March 23rd. The following are priority areas administration is recommending for consideration:

Priority Area: Capital Investments (Budget Increase of approximately \$80,000)

Items include 2 Buses, Pick-up Truck with Dump, Roof Repair, Floor Replacements, Kitchen Equipment, MSS Office Expansion, and CO Parking Lot Expansion

Priority Area: Technology Investment (Budget Increase of approximately \$95,000)

Items include computers for teachers grades PK-6; annual payment of high school student laptops; network replacements/upgrades; increased technician and data management time; and Student Information System (SIS)

Priority Area: Enrollments (Budget Increase of approximately \$260,000)

Positions requiring new funds include 3.5 FTE positions at the high school including .5 guidance; .5 math strategist position for grades 7-12; and 1 Educational Technician position

Priority Area: Curriculum Materials (Budget Increase of approximately \$85,000)

Items include Reading Assessments; Leveled Texts for grades PK-8; Literacy Support Instructional Materials; High School textbooks for science and 2 new AP courses

Priority Area: Athletics (Budget Increase of approximately \$25,000)

Items include phase-in plan for Booster sponsored teams and uniform replacement plan

Priority Area: Time (Budget Increase of ???; Adding 2 days would be \$100,000)

Increasing student instructional time will reduce professional work time. This area is unknown at this time but should be included for discussion purposes.

Anticipated Budget Changes:

ARRA (Stimulus Funds) 10-11

\$418,655

No Budget Impact

These funds were expended on teacher retirements and tuition. These were for one-year only expenditures and the elimination of these funds will not have an impact on the 11-12 budget.

Jobs Bill Funds 11-12

\$432,273

Budget Reduction

RSU5 received these funds in 10-11 but held them to use in 11-12. These are one-time only funds. We propose moving tuition funds here for 11-12. This will leave approximately \$235,000 for tuition funds in the local budget. We anticipate using this approximate amount in future budgets for tuition so this is the last year of significant budget reductions due to tuition funds.

Contingency 10-11 additional funds

\$ 96,000

Budget Reduction

The total contingency fund is \$196,000 of which \$96,000 were new funds. These funds have not been spent in 10-11 and no new funds need to be added to contingency for 11-12. This results in a reduction of \$96,000 in the 11-12 budget since the \$196,000 will be carried forward for our contingency. Any unexpended funds from 09-10 and 10-11 will be added to contingency and/or used to off-set taxes.

Priorities 11-12

\$645,000 (+/-)

Budget Increase

This amount will depend upon Board and citizen support during consideration of a proposed budget.

Net Anticipated Impact of Priorities and Other Funds: Budget Increase of \$117,000

Administrators are in the process of compiling budget proposals. There has not yet been time to review areas of reduced need, smaller budget increases, or adjusted salary and benefit lines due to retirements/new hires/plan changes. In addition, negotiations are ongoing with administrators, teachers and support staff so the wage and benefits impact of these negotiations has not yet been determined.

At this time we do not have our completed audit (due in mid-February) so we do not have the amount of unexpended 09-10 funds. These funds will be added to the contingency and/or used to off-set taxes.