

Citizen's Budget and Financial Advisory Committee
Mach 2, 2009
Administration Building
360 Colborne Street

Present: Kevin Huepenbecker, Mary Doran, Cricket James, John Krenik, Jo Ann Clark,
Jennette Gudgel, Michael Bauman

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 pm.

Members introduced themselves.

Minutes of the 1/5/2009 meeting were approved.

Michael Bauman is interim CFO for SPPS and clarified his role as adviser and resource to the committee.

Michael also noted the lack of attendance and it was suggested that it might be good to email committee members the day of the meeting. Cricket James pointed out that meeting with the Board last week, people may have been confused about tonight's meeting.

Chair Heupenbecker noted that the original charge from the Board to the committee is no long as relevant due to fact finding related to the budget deficit and facilities study.

The original charge was to look at the "changing trends in enrollment and the impact it will have on the budget for the next five years."

There was considerable discussion of the need to find out where students are going when they leave SPPS, what schools they are leaving and what can be done to reverse the trend. John Krenik pointed out that a program in an individual school may be dropped for financial reasons which will lead to loss of students and have an even greater financial impact.

It was moved and seconded that we go the Board with the following request: CBFAC is requesting a refinement of our charge for 2008-2009. CBFAC members believe that it is important to determine how many students are leaving SPPS to attend local charter schools and identify what SPPS can do to reverse that trend. Passed

During the course of the evening a list of information was developed and given to Michael for the next meeting. These items were: Tuition billing data (MARS)

AYP Report

ERS Study

Drop out rate data

He will also check with Steve Shellenburg for any additional enrollment trend data he might have.

Mary Doran asked about what was being done with leased property. Because it seemed that the Capital Expenditure Advisory Committee might have that information Kevin with contact the chair of that committee to see if they have the information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

Next meeting: March 16th – 7:00 pm