

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

St. Marys City School District

Meeting

Held

April 21, 2011

6:00 P.M.

SPECIAL SESSION

The St. Marys City Board of Education met for a special session in the auditorium at the St. Marys Memorial High School. The purpose of the special session was to discuss a proposed budget reduction plan.

Board President Craig Gottschalk called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Tobin; Gottschalk; McKee; Braun; Wiley

ALL PRESENT

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED REDUCTION PLAN

Mrs. Riepenhoff presented the following information to the Board.

As with most school districts in Ohio, St. Marys City Schools must make significant reductions in spending over the next 2 years due to state funding cuts since FY2009 and even greater ones projected in FY 2012 and 2013. Additionally, the district has operated on the same local support since 2005. This impact on our revenue has resulted in expenditures outpacing revenue.

We hope to negotiate savings in the contracts and will do everything we can to take advantage of the retirements by reassigning staff to those needed positions.

We did anticipate this so in the past 2 years we have significantly reduced the following through attrition:

- 2 Administrative Assistants
- 2 Cooks
- 6.5 Certified Staff (PE, Media Specialist, HS Science, HS English, HS Math (PT), 2 Elementary)
- We also reduced summer school and student workers each summer.
- We reduced hours for aides and secretaries to better match the hours that school is in session.
- Buildings were given budgets and other bookkeeping savings were initiated which saved approximately \$66,000.00.
- The administrators took a pay freeze for the past 2 years.
- All staff took a pay freeze last year.

\$1,477,585.00 was saved over the past 2 years due to the above reductions and spending plans.

It is our goal to reduce our spending by August 2011 by one million dollars. It is our goal to further reduce spending by an additional million by August 2012. If we do not receive additional support from the St. Marys community, these goal amounts will be increased greatly.

It is important to remember that any reductions we make, we will see cumulative savings from these in the future years, therefore it may not be necessary to make as deep of cuts as we go further into the biennium budget.

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Recommended Reductions for the 2011-2012 School Year:

- \$635,000 through attrition (1.5SS/CBIP, 2 Elementary, Guidance, 1.5Aides, Int Specialist, Nurse, .5 English). Some of these positions will be absorbed some will be filled at less experience.
- \$ 7,400 savings by reducing sub pay \$5.00 / day). We will also reduce classified subs by 10%
- \$ 10,000 Savings from changing vision service providers for students with vision needs
- \$ 17,000 Savings by not hiring summer student workers
- \$ 24,000 Reduced summer school except for mandated program for 3rd grade students
- \$ 39,000 Do not fill the following supplemental contracts (Event Manager, B & G weightlifting, 1 Fresh VB, 1 Fresh FB, 1 Fresh Baseball, 1 MS Softball, 1 MS FB, 2 Track, Asst CC 1 Var Asst G/B Basketball)
- \$ 20,600 Reduce attendance officer to ½ time
- \$ 21,700 Eliminate extended days for FCCLA, Library, DECA, Gifted
- \$ 3,500 Reduce guidance extended days by 20%
- \$ 5,344 Reduce Ag/FFA extended days by 33%
- \$ 8,000 initiate Neighborhood Pick Up sites for 6-12 grade only
- \$ 20,200 Do not fill the following supplemental contracts as listed (Pep Club, Spanish Club, Science, Club, Thespian Club, Art Club, Skills USA, Class Advisors, Department Heads, Power of Pen, HS Newspaper, FEA, SADD, MS and HS Science Fair Coordinators, MS/HS St. Council, Yearbook, Career Ed)
- \$ 37,600 Eliminate permanent substitute teachers
- \$ 2,084 Eliminate summer band for elementary students
- \$145,000 Outsource 2nd and 3rd shift custodians and cleaners
- \$ 11,000 Reduce building budgets by 5.00/student
- \$ 25,000 Professional Development reduce to administrative assigned only
- \$ 6,400 Athletic Professional Development to be paid by Athletic fund
- \$ 27,800 eliminate all field trips unless student paid (Washington DC, NHS)

****We are not bring back 6 aides this year that were paid through ARRA funds****

\$1,079,128 Total Savings in reductions for the 2011-2012 School Year

After discussion, on a motion by McKee, seconded by Wiley, the Board accepted the budget reduction plan for the 2011-2012 school year with modifications to extended days. The modification includes the elimination of extended days for FCCLA, Library, DECA, Gifted, Guidance and FFA, with the ability for those positions to apply for the use of extended days up to 50% of previously allowed extended days.

VOTE: McKee, yes; Wiley, yes; Braun, yes; Gottschalk, yes; Tobin, yes

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Recommended Reductions for the 2012-2013 School Year:

\$ 56,700 Eliminate 50% of all aide/paraprofessional positions
\$ 43,300 All library aides go to ½ time
\$210,000 Reduce Kindergarten to ½ day (eliminates 3.5 teaching positions)
\$ 55,000 Gifted identification only, no separate services
\$ 40,000 Administration
\$ 47,000 Eliminate Middle School Sports
\$226,000 Eliminate non-required bussing
\$330,000 5.5 teaching positions
\$??????? Savings through attrition
\$??????? Savings by going to a 7 period day at the HS

\$1,008,000 Total Savings in reductions for the 2012-2013 School Year

No action was taken by the Board with respect to the reductions outlined for the 2012-2013 school year.

ADJOURNMENT – At 7:20 PM, on a motion by Tobin, seconded by Braun, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

VOTE: Tobin, yes; Braun, yes; Gottschalk, yes; McKee, yes; Wiley, yes

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Treasurer

President