

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCE COMMITTEE
BUDGET EDUCATION FORUM
OCTOBER 19, 2010
EDUCATION CENTER
6:30 PM**

AGENDA

Call to Order – Chairperson Barbara Hartford

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Statement of Objective – To discuss the effects that mandates, benefits and grant have on the District’s budget

Public Comment

Presentation(s) - Topic:

- Mandates from Legislative actions have had a large impact on every school district’s budget. Mandates come in many forms and this evening we will discuss several mandates such as curriculum issues, political issues related to funding, benefits and grants. Each program comes with regulations and the funding and costs of these mandates will be examined regarding the 2011-2012 budget and beyond.
- Budget Impact – The Boyertown Area School District must comply with mandates from the Federal and State Legislators, but these mandates come with a price tag that unduly burdens the budget. Curriculum directives, educational goals, political programs and funding and employee benefits are every costly. Employee benefits alone amount to almost \$16.5 million or 18% of the District’s expenditure budget.
- School Districts are considered State entities and as such must comply with laws and directives issued from the State. The PA School Code of 1949 is the law, with new directives each year that are mandated by the legislators.

Presentation

David Szablowski, Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Affairs will discuss several various mandates, the various funding issues faced by school districts and the cost of these mandates, specifically, employee benefits and the anticipated cost of benefits in the future.

Rob Scoboria, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services, will review the grant process and provide an update on several grants the Boyertown Area School District currently receives.

Questions & Discussion

Public Comment

Announcements

November 3, 2010	Transportation and Facilities	6:30 p.m.
November 15, 2010	Athletics, Co- and Extra-Curriculars	6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting Protocol

- 1. The Budget Educational Forums will be lead by the Administrator presenting the topic.**
- 2. The agenda, presentations, questions and discussions will be limited to the general topic for the evening. Questions off topic will be responded to at a later meeting. Interpretation of relevant questions will be the responsibility of the Administrator leading the meeting.**
- 3. Relevant questions will be responded to with all answers be posted on the District website. The website will be available for follow-up questions. All questions must be submitted with the individuals name and contact information or no response is guaranteed.**
- 4. The Educational Forum is for information purposes only, budget suggestions will be noted and discussed on a limited basis and included in future budget discussions.**
- 5. The meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.**