

**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
BUDGET EDUCATION FORUM  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010  
EDUCATION CENTER  
6:30 PM**

**AGENDA**

Call to Order – Chairperson Barbara Hartford

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Statement of Objective – To review the impact of professional development in education and the use of educational technology on the budget

Public Comment

Presentations

I. **Professional Development** - Mrs. Susan Kinney, Assistant to the Superintendent for Staff Development and Student Intervention

1. Budget Impact Statement

- Research informs us that teacher quality is the single most significant factor affecting student achievement. The professional development portion of our budget, which is approximately \$500,000 per year, provides training and necessary materials to ensure that ALL teachers receive high quality learning opportunities to ensure a quality education for students. Professional development is also provided to administrators, para-professionals and classified staff.

2. Compliance Issues

- PDE mandates, all professional staff must participate in 180 hours of professional development every five years. Our paraprofessionals must also acquire 20 hours of professional development every year. In addition, all new teachers must complete an induction program in order to apply for level II certification.

3. Presentation & Details
  - Induction Program – Ms. Jill Lovett, WES Librarian
  - Role of Literacy Coaches – Mrs. Jennifer Rinehimer, Mrs. Dana Ewing, Mrs. Laura Heineck
  - Impact of professional development on student achievement – Mrs. Diane Bodolus and Mrs. Christine Hartzman, JHW Reading Specialists
  - Opportunities for support staff – Mrs. Kim Frain
  - High performing schools build leadership capacity – Mr. Michael Stoudt

## II. **Technology** – Mr. Stephen Reynolds, IT Manager

### 1. Budget Impact Statement

- Technology systems support the core educational and operational functions of the District. We strive to provide students with current and relevant technologies to give them skills for the rapidly changing world. The District's technology budget supports this commitment. Also, as new technologies are developed, new opportunities are presented for gaining greater educational value from our budget expenditures. The District's technology investment for education exceeds \$1 million per year not including support for this technology and administrative operations which totals an additional \$1.1 million in the 2010-2011 budget.

### 2. Compliance Issues

- Technology based systems are used to meet State and Federal mandates for curriculum and reporting. The District utilizes several computerized systems for managing data relating to "No Child Left Behind", membership and attendance, discipline, educational standards and other educational initiatives.

### 3. Presentation & Details

- The components of technology
- Technology for learning
  - State standards
  - Classroom learning
- Technology for district operations
  - Data management
  - Communication
  - Safety
- Technology and student achievement – Mr. Todd Kennedy, 7-12 Tech Ed Department Leader
- The costs of technology

## Questions & Discussion

## Public Comment

## Announcements

October 5, 2010	Pupil Services and Special Education	6:30 p.m.
October 19, 2010	Mandates, Benefits, Grants	6:30 p.m.
November 3, 2010	Transportation and Facilities	6:30 p.m.
November 15, 2010	Athletics, Co- and Extra-Curricular	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.**