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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
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The Strategic Planning Committee has asked me to create a presentation for Kindergarten. The presentation has been sent to the committee for their review. The presentation will be a summary of the committee's discussion including the topics of facilities, transportation, finance, student achievement and how to present the information for consideration to the voters if it is brought forward. There will also be a presentation to the board regarding a possible vote as to whether or not the district would be able to consider the creation of retaining unexpended funds from the annual budget.

Contract negotiations are continuing with the support staff. We are hoping to come to an agreement with the association in the next meeting or two in order to bring an agreement to the board to approve.

The current budget as presented in tonight's meeting includes adjustments to utility costs in the amount of \$20,901. Updated spread sheets for schools have been sent to the Board and the Budget Committee electronically. The current running total of the budget is a decrease of \$193,436. The areas of the budget that have yet to be presented include:

- Revenue- we expect to see a decrease in grants
- Food Service
- Curriculum- we will be bringing forward new requests
- Salaries- we will be bringing forward staffing reductions
- Benefits- Health Insurance rates should be determined by November 10.

We received the insurance rates for next year from SchoolCare on November 8. There are three figures we need to deal with. The first is the "billing rate". This is the actual rate increase taking into account our usage. That is an increase of 2.2%. The other factor is the "premium holiday". This is the amount of money districts receive due to SchoolCare needing to keep their surplus funds at the required amount. Our premium holiday amount is \$69,058.72. This number varies from year to year, this is a large increase for us over last year, most likely due to moving to the deductible plan. Our "effective rate" which is our actual cost to SchoolCare will increase 0.5% taking into account the funds from the premium holiday. This means that the increase to the district for benefits will be increased by less than 1%.

I was given the honor of being “silly stringed” by two classes at FRES as a reward for their efforts on a fund raiser at the school.

Senate Bill 193 is going to be voted on by the House Education Committee on November 8. The subcommittee has voted to recommend “ought to pass”. If the committee votes as expected, the bill will be passed onto the full House for discussion in January.

Southwest superintendents will meet on November 17.

I will be teaching another class for SNHU, this semester will be on Monday nights beginning November 27.