

Budget Review
(continued)

Dr. Rulffes discussed outstanding issues and expense-related unknowns including: the status of board priorities; support staff arbitration; decline in interest earnings; district reorganization plan; the restoration of ending fund balance; fund transfer or shift utilizing special Qualified Zone Academy Bond funds; and the five-year capital improvement plan.

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Dr. Rulffes reviewed the development of a tentative budget for fiscal year 2001-02. He identified major assumptions including: a flat DSA of \$3,630 per student allocation; enrollment projections; staffing distribution; fund balance; and new state (one-shot) funding. He summarized preliminary budget planning including proposed or potential increases, reductions, and new revenues. He provided a listing of general operating fund supported programs and services. In discussing magnet school funding, Mrs. Brager-Wellman expressed concern for the potential of increasing student dropouts if magnet school participation is reduced.

Dr. noted the need to pursue audit recommendations for an inventory system and for review of the district's enterprise system, a \$13 to \$15 million cost, and development of a planning team to begin investigation of system specifications for an ERP system. He noted that the current system will not support district growth; it will collapse. Mrs. Moulton urged investigation of federal or private grant funds for this purpose.

Dr. Rulffes highlighted FY 01-02 budget reductions in the areas of transportation (changing the service limits), energy savings programs, staff reductions and class size, operational efficiencies, and absorption of 1,300 licensed positions and potential loss of CSR state categorical funding.

Dr. Rulffes and Mrs. Scow commended district personnel for their budget development and revision work.

Public Hearings

There was no response to Mrs. Scow's invitation for comment from the public.

Special Meeting
Request

None

Referral of Items to
the Superintendent

The board presented a birthday cake to Mr. Garcia.
No additional information requests were made.

Superintendent
Communication

Mr. Garcia thanked district personnel for their work.

Adjourn

11:20 a.m.

Motion: Larry Mason Second: Sheila Moulton Vote: Unanimous