



NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTES
BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
A Superintendent's Advisory Committee
February 6, 2018

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Clarification on Potential Solutions

Yancy Hawkins, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, presented details and background of potential budget solutions, including Nexus, BTSA, GATE (discretionary allocation), North Bay Security contract. Yancy presented data collected from the Student Survey and discussed the first \$1.5 Million potential budget cuts gathered from the activity at the last BAC meeting.

3. Consensus

Kris Cosca, Assistant Superintendent of HR, discussed the process to be used for coming to consensus regarding the final committee recommendations. He explained the thumbs-up (I support the recommendation), thumbs-to the side (I can live with the recommendation), thumbs-down (I don't support the recommendation) activity and use for the meeting. For the committee to come to consensus, all members could support or live with all recommendations, or if that was not possible any members who did not support an individual recommendation was given the opportunity to discuss their opinions with the entire group and agreed that the committee heard and considered their opinion.

4. Budget Solutions - Activity

Yancy Hawkins, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations explained the details of activity. The four tables were to discuss the potential cuts (list compiled from previous meeting activities) and come to table consensus. Once given time to discuss, each table presented vote (+/-) for each potential budget solution. The Committee unanimously moved forward approximately \$900,000 in solutions for recommendation to the Superintendent.

5. Finalize Budget Solutions

Additional budget solutions were given and compiled on a list to discuss. The tables met again to discuss the additional options and reported out on those items. The committee then discussed, as a group, the remaining potential budget solutions. After long consideration, a consensus was reached for the remaining approximately \$600,000 in solutions for recommendation to the Superintendent. There were a few members who had concerns with one or more of the remaining \$600,000 in recommendation, but all had at least 80% support and the members who had concerns agreed that they had been given the opportunity to

Speak their thoughts/opinions to the group and that the group had considered their opinions. No other solutions came very close to the level of support as the items moved forward.

6. Secondary Recommendations

The committee made two secondary recommendations for review in future years: 1) Perform a review (potentially form a committee) of elementary school size and 2) Perform a Special Education efficiency review.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.