

Section VI Joint Committee Meeting

January 28, 2009

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Present: Mark Ward, Lauren Ratajczak, Bob Dinse, John Montesanti, Greg Witman, Ken Stoldt, Jim Gracyk, Dave Thomas, Diane Munro, Mark Ward, Ron DeCarli, Brett Banker, Don Scholla

John Montesanti provided a revised budget developed with Lauren Ratajczak that includes:

- A full time Executive Director
- A new Finance Clerk (approximately .5 - .8 fte to be determined as needs are defined through the transition process)
- Elimination of the part time Executive Director
- Elimination of the part time Treasurer
- Elimination of the Officials Coordinator Position
- Maintain the .8 Clerk typist position via BOCES
- Maintain Assistant Executive Secretary with .5 fte funded via BOCES

History: Several years (how many?) there was no dues increase by use of fund balance. The decision to fund office operations out of dues lead to dues increase in 2008. Although unpopular, the impact of this more business oriented model has led to the growth of our fund balance. There was no dues increase in 2009. (See fund balance handout)

Four funding scenarios were presented including

- Fully Funded
- No Dues Increase
- Half Dues increase
- Fund balance Rebate (recommended) w fund balance projection sheet

Discussion:

- Rebate concept has a positive impact fiscally and psychologically
- Concern expressed about potential for schools dropping sports – reduced revenues could impact fund balance
- Overestimated what could hurt and underestimated what could benefit us
- Do we have a clear view of the Assistant position – when the contract is up – what the impact will be. This plan includes moving .5 of the Assistant position to BOCES funding stream generating immediate relief.
- We may be able to fund some of the league expenses via BOCES to assist in reducing costs. This results in a two fold benefit.
- Concerns for the work load, and whether the staffing level would be adequate was thorough.
- Concern for the adequacy of a \$80,000 salary was discussed with generalized agreement that salary may impact the quality of the candidates applying.

- Discussion of the potential of including “or equivalent” statement in the advertising to open us to college athletics or sports management qualifications or expertise. This would require a Civil Service approach.
- Fund balance helps protect us from variations in event income.
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Conclusions:

- Amend the budget to include a potential salary of \$90,000.
- Utilize the fund balance rebate model to fund the new structure for 2009-2010.
- Promote the fact that we are setting a structure that will generate future revenues.
- Promote the fact that the Full-time executive director and adjusted staff positions are expected to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Section VI operations.
- Require the development of a three year financial plan that addresses concern for funding office operations “on the backs of students”.