

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING 2
FEBRUARY 24, 2011

Members Present: Mike Arps George Campanella Shelly Fagenstrom
Jeff Gray Debbie Holman Kelly Maki
BJ McCracken Mike Picking Vincent Purpura
Susan Quinn Janet Smith Maria Valandra
Aaron Weissman

GFPS Cabinet Present: Cheryl Crawley Tom Moore Ruth Uecker
Ernie Jean Tammy Lacey Sharon Lindstrom
Sally Mathers Chris Olszewski Jeff Patterson

Members Absent: Gary Schoenthal Nancy Waldenberg Alicia Thompson
Bob England Donnie McVee

At 5:15, Cheryl Crawley, Great Falls Public Schools Superintendent, called the meeting to order. Ernie Jean, Interim Business Manager, was introduced to the committee, and then Tom Moore, Assistant Superintendent – Secondary Education introduced Charles M. Russell High School Senior, Jessie Hardin. Jessie spoke to the committee about the dual credit and advanced placement courses she has taken while a student in the school district, and the positive impact of the education she has received in the school district. Jessie recently participated in a humanitarian trip to the African nation, Uganda, where she was able to utilize the knowledge and experience she gained from her Medical Prep courses and the Certified Nursing Assistant certificate she earned.

Dr. Crawley then introduced the schedule for the remainder of the evening’s presentations from the Superintendent’s Cabinet.

Ruth Uecker, Assistant Superintendent – Elementary Education, gave an overview of the Elementary Education Budget Unit, followed by Tom Moore with the Secondary Education Budget Unit and Sharon Lindstrom with the Student Services Budget Unit. After the presentations, committee members asked questions of the cabinet members regarding their proposed budgets.

After a short break, the next cabinet members to present their Budget Units were Chris Olszewski, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Jeff Patterson, Director of Information and instructional Technology and Sally Mathers, Director of Federal Programs and Accountability. Once again, committee members were encouraged to asked questions of the cabinet members and their budgets.

The meeting concluded by gathering information requests for future meetings by committee members.

The remaining meeting schedule is:

Thursday, March 10, 2011, 5:15 p.m., Aspen Conference Room

Thursday, March 17, 2011, 5:15 p.m., Aspen Conference Room

Thursday, March 24, 2011, 5:15 p.m., Aspen Conference Room (if needed)