

RTM Education Meeting

January 16, 2023

Present

Ed Washecka, Clara Sartori, Carolina McGoey, Jan Raymond, Meg Bhat, Cassie Mecsery, Petr Marousek, Karen McNicoll, Liza Lucas, Janet Grogan, Ann Reed

David Martin from the Board of Finance also joined.

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30. First order of business was to discuss and take action on the Teacher's Contract which will be in place between July 1, 2023, until June 30, 2026.

The Committee went through the power point on the contract and discussed the underlying factors such as the large number of teachers leaving either by retirement or leaving the district or leaving the profession altogether. Discussion ensued around the percentage increases in the contract and the changes in increases at various steps. Ed Washecka asked for a vote to recommend to the RTM "not to reject" the negotiated Teacher's Contract and the committee voted 10 in favor and 1 abstention.

Discussion then turned to committee members questions on the overall budget for 24-25. Questions were discussed regarding academic achievement measurements, buses, curriculum, DEI, textbooks, Special Education and ECR. Sports and costs per sport were discussed as well as the managerial fee charged for the cafeteria food service. There was discussion about upgrades to the DHS Auditorium and robotics. There was also mention of the mental health programs at the high school. Members were encouraged to email all questions to Chairman Washecka by 11 am on January 17th

to be forwarded to the BOE in time for the BOE meeting scheduled for Tuesday night.

Liza Lucas motioned for the meeting to be adjourned and Ann Reed Seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Reed
Clerk