

Lake Benton #404
Budget Planning Meeting

April 14, 2010

Discussion Notes

- I. Shift responsibility of transportation supervisor to the building Principal would save \$1500.
- II. Increase fees for the fitness center by \$5 a month. Keep the fitness center a community priority.
- III. Continue our preschool program as is. We recommended raising fees by \$10 month for the full pay as well as the reduced amount.
- IV. The board was uncomfortable reducing Supt. time back to once every other week instead of once a week. They were more comfortable with splitting the difference. The district hopes to not have one person carry the weight of the district and community. A suggestion was made to have a substitute fill in for Mr. Nielsen when he is gone for the day. Mr. Woelber will check some options with his time.
- V. A recommendation for reduced time in music was brought forward again. It was recommended to keep this reduction as a last resort and work to shift other necessary projects / duties needed in the district to the instructor. We will look to make a K-6 music schedule work along with some student testing / data management duties. Some board members were uncomfortable with one rate of pay for different duties if instructor was kept full time. The board wanted to make clear that music for kids would not be reduced but that a different schedule should be looked at. Ryan and Kathy Vondracek would look at scheduling options. Mr. Woelber would survey other districts about music and Mr. Nielsen would survey other districts about their data / testing person.
- VI. Reducing the “specialist” in the physical education department was recommended. The total savings would be about \$23,000. All elementary students would still have phy ed. It would just be taught by their classroom teacher.
- VII. The district needs to keep options open of renting out space for an office or other community need
- VIII. Transportation upgrades need to be kept in mind.

Any questions contact Mr. Woelber