

Notes from April 10, 2018 Meeting
of the
Washington Elementary School District
2018 M&O Override Task Force

Members Present:

Jordan Blair	Angela Budovsky	Jessica Buttles
Tim Cullison	Enoch Davis	Michael Durnavich
Sue Gallagher	Alyssa Glauber	Sonja Hernandez
Deb Lupnacca	Laura Mintert	Kim Nalette
Katie Piehl	Shawna Robles	Summer Schaudt
David Velazquez		

Facilitator: Cathy Thompson

Welcome and Introductions

- Task force members introduced themselves
- Reviewed the purpose of the task force

Decision-making Process

- Reviewed WESD decision-making process
- Task force members discussed and voted on norms for the group
- Task force members discussed what process to use for consensus and determined that there needed to be 75% consensus of those present at a meeting to move forward.
- Task force identified the issue of making a recommendation for a possible override election to the WESD Governing Board.
- David Velazquez presented information
 - WESD funding sources and how money can be used
 - Summary of the current override that was approved in 2013 including what programs are funded with the override dollars and number of FTE
 - Estimated override amount for next year is \$17.9 million
 - Estimated tax rate for the FY2019 is about \$1.45 – cost of about \$145 for owner of \$100,000 home
 - Estimated tax rate for FY2020 is approximately \$1.41 – cost of about \$141 for owner of \$100,000 home

- Task force members began to share the story of the override
 - Override approved in 2013 for 15% of the Revenue Control Limit
 - WESD has had an override in place for several years
 - 2018-2019 is the fifth year of the current override
 - 2013 amount was \$15.6 million
 - 2018 amount is \$17.6 million
 - Kindergarten classes at some schools are 27-32 students
 - Kindergarten critical for students
 - If there is an override election and it doesn't pass, will be reduced by one third each of the next three years
 - Students coming to us are lacking social and academic skills – having kindergarten students all day assist with learning these skills
 - No specific funding is allocated for Art, Music, PE and special programs
 - Parents want extra-curricular and special programs
 - 150 positions are funded for Art, Music, PE
 - Total positions funded in override are 294
 - Parents and teachers want to keep current programs offered

Next Meeting

- Task force members will
 - Continue to tell the story
 - Identify interests
 - Determine criteria
 - Develop options
 - Discuss any further information necessary to evaluate options at last meeting