

**Superintendents Budget Advisory Committee Minutes
 October 24, 2017
 BUSD Offices – Room 126
 2020 Bonar Street, Berkeley, CA 94702**

SBAC Committee Members Present

Cynthia Allman, BFT	Stephen Collins, Local 21
Robin Henke, Superintendent appointment	Cathy Campbell, BFT
Bruce Simon, P&O	Rosa Luevano, BHSDG
Rebeca Todd, UBA	Dan Lindheim, Audit Committee representative
Eric Weaver, Superintendent appointment	Josh Daniels, Board Member
Christine Staples, PTA	Jessica Hilton, BHSDG
Erin Schweng, UBA	

SBAC Committee Members Absent

Audrey Amos, UBA (A)	Stephanie Upp, P&O (A)
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Michael Herbert Gray, PAC	Frank Hernandez, BCEE
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4. Superintendent Comments

Thank you all for being here tonight. These are not easy decisions. We have the recommended budget cuts, and I

explained they have considered in-house rather than contracted counsel and found that in house legal cost more doesn't give the district the option to find the best counsel for a given legal issue. Cathy asked for legal costs from prior 3 years. (2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15)

Discussion of Allocation of Music Instruments for 4th and 5th Grades and Reduction in VAPA Support to Middle School

Josh Daniels, Board Vice President, suggested that the committee consider music program expenditures for cost reductions. "I don't say I want to see these cut but I would like to see that these have been considered. It is up to the committee if you want to recommend these or not, but when it comes to the board we can say that this was considered and not have to review it after the cut list has been submitted. If we reduce the number of instruments

would mean higher class sizes and fewer musical options. Middle school makes music available to anyone, this

Superintendent Evans asked if credit recovery class was part of this FTE. *When offered in 7th period, credit recovery is part of this, and this is how we prefer to provide credit recovery. A student who is credit deficient should not get credit recovery during a 6th period day class. We have 50 students in 7th period credit recovery class.*

Board member Judy Appell asked Principal Schweng to provide committee with a list of the programs the FTE covers.

Board member Josh Daniels reiterated that all of those increments should be reviewed for cut list consideration, maybe not the full FTE but increments in dollar amounts: the committee should consider differential impact to other

programs, VAPA, counselors, BTA.

of staff course offerings it needs to go to something that fits within the classification of support for teaching in the measure. BSEP is structured to pay for teachers who are outside the teacher template.”

Board Member Josh Daniels: “In a previous slide we identified a new list of \$450,000 of expenses to transfer to BSEP funding; clearly there are things available to swap. As a board member my feeling is that; what is most valuable for

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program we received \$28k more compared by last year. This is also showing we have a potential problem with our