

Summary of Budget Process Development of 2004-2005 MMSD Budget

August 2003

Board level goals for budget discussed – District Strategies and Board Priorities

August 2003 – January 2004

Departmental budget presentations were made. These presentations described the staffing and non-staffing expenses by funding source. Only information was presented. No departmental goals were presented with these budgets. There was neither discussion nor direction given from the Board to develop or to change any goals within the Departments.

In the late fall, the Administration informed the District that the numbers they received would all be changing and would be updated “at a later date.”

October 2003

School Board receives Annual Report – progress report on the three Board Priorities – reading at grade level by the end of third grade, 94% attendance rate, complete algebra by 9th grade and geometry by 10th grade.

The report included information on the strategies being used to reach these goals, but no information was presented on each strategy – number of students, progress of students, cost of strategy, etc.

December 2003

School Board receives student population forecast for 2004-2005 school year.

January/February 2004

Board members receive a one-page summary forecast of the Same Service Budget Cost for next year and a forecasted Revenue Gap, which is how much the expenditures in the Same Service budget exceed the allowed expenditure increase for the 2004-2005 MMSD budget.

School Board asks for a cut list before seeing the Same Service Budget and approving (supporting) the Same Service budget.

March 2004

- March 11 – School Board receives District Administration’s nearly \$10 million cut list.
- March 18, 25 – School Board holds public hearings on the \$10 million cut list. Neither the public nor the School Board has seen the Same Service or Balanced Budget (which is the result of the \$10 million cut list).
- March 31 –
 - School Board receives the 2004-2005 proposed budget. There is no budget narrative included with budget.
 - District Administration amends the \$10 million cut list.
 - Public hearing is held on the \$10 million cut list.

April 2004

April 26 - District Administration will make first budget presentation to the School Board, explaining what is contained in the Same Service Budget for 2004-2005. District Administration has informed Board members that you cannot make a comparison of the 03-04 budget to the 04-05

proposed budget, because there are crosswalk problems due to new software being installed. (Question: why weren't parallel systems being run until the new software was ready and reliable?)

May 2004

- May 3 – Board workshop on budget scheduled.
- May 5 – Board amendments to the budget due.
- May 10 – Board workshop on budget scheduled.
- May 13 – 7 p.m. Public hearing on budget scheduled.
- May 17 and 24 – Board workshop on budget scheduled.
- May 22 – layoff notices need to be decided and turned into the Human Resources Departments.

Note: Board workshops do not include public appearances as of now. Ruth Roberts has asked that public appearances be included as part of the budget process so that the public has as many opportunities as possible to provide input into the budget process.

