

**School District of Poynette
Cost Savings / Revenue Committee Minutes
September 30, 2009 6:30 PM**

In attendance:
Richard Wilkinson
Wayne Moll
Steve Mueller
Bob Agnew
Randy Gilbertson
Tammy Gorman
Sue Hornback
Scott Hazard
Jason Jennings
Sallie Spees
Mark Egger
Barb Wolfe
Nancy Mair

Absent:
Joe McIlrath
Sara Vinson
Lydia Caldwell

Barb Wolfe opened the meeting with introductions. She explained that the committee was formed by the Board of Education (BOE) based on negotiation agreement with the staff to look at expenditures and revenues for ways to maximize the budget.

Richard Wilkinson informed the committee that the BOE was discussing referendum options to exceed the revenue limit and for building. Board action would be needed by mid-February to get a referendum question on the April 2010 ballot. He also discussed the current enrollment and possibility of change with lots available in the district.

Barb Wolfe discussed the budget process and timelines. She presented a worksheet with revenue limit history and projected revenue limits. The committee discussed the problem of expenditures continuing to increase while revenue sources decrease or increase at a lower rate than expenditures.

Steve Mueller talked about energy savings and the benefits of maintaining our buildings independent of one contractor. Mark Eggers answered questions and talked about the pool and lighting projects. Barb and Mark informed the committee that we are working with Focus on Energy to identify projects that would result in energy savings. Bob Agnew talked about opportunities for occupancy sensors and timers.

Jason Jennings asked questions about costs per student in our district compared to other districts of similar size, legislative state and property tax impact on our district, cost comparisons of the last 5 years and portion of the budget for budget areas.

Sallie Spees brought up staff behaviors, survey of ideas for both staff and community, building comfort.

Other items identified by various committee members included: establishing a foundation, offering incentive if not on district insurance, turning off lights/ motion

sensors, cost of microwaves, coffee pots and mini refrigerators, cooperative purchasing, turning down the heat, use of buildings during the weekends, and a new school option.

Wayne Moll agreed to chair the committee. Nancy Mair volunteered to take minutes. The committee will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 in the HS IMC. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21.

Committee adjourned at 9:00 PM.