

Questions from Budget Meeting 3-2-17

- What is the average cost per student?
 - This information is posted on the District website. The posted information is from the 2006-07 school year and runs through the 2015-16 school year. Of note the cost per student in 2015-16 is \$286 less than the cost per student in 2009-10.

- Why didn't the administration include the replacement cost of the turf fields in the cost of athletics?
 - The yearly average replacement cost, that is the amount of money the Board of Directors is setting aside for field replacement, was included in the cost of athletics shared at the March 3, 2017 Budget meeting. That amount is \$75,000/year. This amount is reviewed regularly and updated as required. For instance, based on prior figures, the Board had been setting aside \$150,000 /year. However, with a review of replacement costs and longevity two years ago, the figure was lowered to \$75,000.

- How was the reduction in support staff services determined?
 - Working with the District Management Group and implementing DMG's cost containment work, District Administration is recommending a 15% reduction in support staff costs. This work has been ongoing for the past year. An administrative task force, under the direction of Dr. Whitehead, and including Mr. Gehris, Mrs. Dougherty and Mr. Ramsey, are reviewing support staff deployment. As support staff leave the District, their job is evaluated for need. Staff are then realigned to meet the evolving needs of the District thus improve efficiencies. No layoffs are planned or anticipated.

- Why does it take six clicks to reach the agenda for tonight's budget meeting?
 - It does not. It takes two clicks and this budget meeting agenda can be found using multiple paths, both a two click process. From the Board of School Directors tab, the agenda is under Budget Meetings. From the Quick Links Tab, the agenda is under Budget Meetings. It is important to note that the District Website underwent an overhaul two years ago. Across the southeast region, the Phoenixville Area School District Website is recognized as one of the best in the region. Many school districts call us to find out whom we used to develop our website.