

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 11, 2017

MINUTES

School Budget 2017-2018 Summary: increase of 8%, but 80% is for Bluestone Elementary

Cost Increases:

- * transportation
- * retirement
- * health insurance
- * 2 new schools

Bluestone: 83.4 new positions needed. We only needed to fill 35 positions.

Elon Rhodes Early Learning Center: no new staff needed.

- * 2.1% salary increase proposal for everyone
- * 3 more outside classrooms at Harrisonburg High School
- * student increase of 150 anticipated division wide

New Programs

1. Great Oak Academy:

- * located at Thomas Harrison Middle School
- * chosen by teachers and students
- * focus on socio-emotional development
- * hands-on learning environment
- * not discipline driven

2. STEM will offer health science pathway.

3. Language Academy- Sign language, Italian, Arabic.

4. Elementary education emotional development- housed at Central Office

Miscellaneous

1. State accountability changing.

- * SOL's not the only measure of school progress
different colors- red, yellow, blue, green
- * Portrait of a Graduate
-affecting Freshmen 2018
-4 SOL's- Math, English, Science, Social Studies
-portfolio assessment

2. July 1, 2018 appearing in national magazine "District Administrator" about school equity and diversity.

3. Earliest completion date for a new high school would be 2021-2022 if chosen this fall.

The School Board chooses the site, but the City Council provides the funding.

4. Central office is considering paying staff in 2 week increments

5. Child care co-op to alleviate costs of child care for staff