

Special Board Meeting: May 15, 2017

Attendance: Dick Frantz Clerk, Mike Gahan Vice Chair, Jim Culkeen Superintendent, Sandy Foster Principal, Renee Gordon Director of Finance, Nick Gault Payroll Clerk, Frank Barnes Director of Technology

Call to order: 9:35 by Vice Chair

Jim Culkeen explained the state \$13 million dollar budget dilemma and pending legislative mandates. Included in the mandates is an option of 80/20 insurance mandate which would have teachers paying 20% and boards covering 80%. This is currently in the teacher contract. The state asked each SU to cut spending and the proposed spending cut is \$430,000 for our SU. The impact will occur for next year's budget.

Renee Gordon identified areas for the board to consider cutting should this mandate occur. She suggested school programs and staff cuts and asked the board to consider both. The business office isn't looking for answers today because the legislature hasn't mandated the cuts yet. The anticipated spending reduction for Woodford Hollow District is \$4,777.

Discussion about the possibility of the state attempting to have unified negotiations and is this possibly a dispute between the VNEA and the Governor? Insurance premiums will decrease January 1, 2018 and out of pocket expenses will increase. The cost shift may mean boards may have to offer a \$2400 health savings account.

The discussion today was a focus on possible future impacts and an awareness that cuts may happen for next year's budget. No action is needed at this time.

9:50 motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Foster