

**MSAD #8 School Board Special Meeting Minutes**  
**April 24, 2019**  
**Middle School Science Room**  
**Regular Meeting 6:30 PM**

**Board Members Present:** Renee Jones, Laura Lazaro, Kathi Young, Virginia Wadleigh  
**Absent:** Rachel Noyes  
**Administration Present:** Superintendent Roy Crawford, Tina Davidson, Hillary Bunker

1. Call to order: at 6:00 by Renee Jones
  
- 1) Discussion regarding a breakfast program and projected costs.

Roy gave the board the latest and final copy of the full budget spreadsheet and a summary with the following information.

<b>Total Budget Increase</b>	<b>215,313</b>	
<b>Less Playground Bond Payment as Approved by the voters in November 2018. The first principle and interest payments are in the budget.</b>	<b>-36,864</b>	
<b>Adjusted budget Increase</b>	<b>178,449</b>	<b>4.30%</b>
<b>Increased costs</b>		
Cost Center: Special Education Ed. Tech Salaries and Benefits: Students either new to VS or whose needs have escalated. This increase reflects the need for one on one or small group Ed. Tech. support and instruction.	96,756	
Cost Center: PK-2 Instruction: Teacher and Ed. Tech. Salaries and Benefits: We expect 25 students in our Pre Kindergarten next year. State regulations allow no more than 16 students in a classroom with two adults: one teacher and one ed. Tech. This cost reflects making the teacher and the ed. Tech. full time.	41,390	
Cost Center: Grade 3-8 Instruction: Funding to keep our CTE teacher full time. He has been cut to .6 of full time by Region 8 because the state will not fund CTE for middle school students. This amount reflects the cost of keeping CTE (shop) for our middle school students.	32,300	
Cost Center: Counseling: Employ a one day per week Career Counselor so our social worker can committee full time as a social/emotional counselor. The social/emotional needs of our students continue to escalate. The school climate survey conducted this winter (parents, staff and students were surveyed) identified this as our most pressing need.	10,000	
<b>Total Increased costs: Account for ALL of the budget increase.</b>	<b>180,446</b>	

In summary, these new increased costs reflect all of the budget increase. All other budget lines have been reduced to their lowest possible level and in fact, will be down \$1,997: less than they are in the current year. We have accounted for all increases (salaries, 7% increase in health insurance, and restructuring special education leadership) by reducing expenditures in other areas.

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He noted that the final budget is \$21,313 less than that presented last week. The cost of the social studies position was removed, but we had inadvertently removed an elementary regular education ed tech salary when that person was transferred to the library position. We put that salary and benefit back into the elementary instruction line.

Roy presented information regarding a possible breakfast program. To provide all students with a free lunch, after deducting the state reimbursements for free/reduced students, would cost approximately \$13,000 per year. The costs and revenues are difficult to predict because we don't know how many students would access the program. Our estimation is based upon ½ of our students (75) using the program. If we charge non-free/reduced students \$1/breakfast, raised the price of adult salads from \$3.50 to \$5.00 (closer to the actual value), and used some of the additional \$4800 approved in the food budget, we could cover the additional breakfast cost. But, the cost could be much more if more than 12 of the students use the program.

After discussion it was decided that no funds will be added to the food service program and:

1. VS will have a breakfast program next year that will be scheduled into the school day.
2. This program will be piloted until Thanksgiving vacation.
3. At that time, the cost effectiveness of the program will be evaluated.
4. A determination will then be made to: continue the program as piloted, make adjustment to the finances of the program, or cancel the program.

This will be placed on the agenda for the May 15 regular meeting for a formal board vote on items 1-4 above.

2) Adjourn: 6:45