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Board Summary

Special Education Task Force Report

Mandy Cathey, Executive Director of Special Education, presented to the Richland School Board an update on the work of the district's Special Education Task Force. The task force began meeting in the fall of 2019 with the goal of making recommendations to implement changes over multiple years to the district's special education services. The task force recently reached agreement on new mission and vision statements for the district's special education services. It is currently working on a process to fully support student needs and that there is a continuum of services throughout schools that use inclusive practices.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Update

Ryan Beard, Director of Career & Technical Education, provided an update to the Board on work toward bringing the district's CTE programs into compliance following a review by the state during the 2018-19 school year. Mr. Beard noted that the district has brought nearly all of its past CTE courses into compliance, any teachers with conditional certification are actively completing training, and program-specific advisory groups are working with instructors to support and give feedback.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Instructional Materials Recommendations

Mr. Beard presented to the Board new instructional materials recommended for high school CTE courses in Digital Design and Fabrication; Introduction to Computer Science, Business Law and Personal Choices as well as Computer Science Discovery for middle school instruction. The materials were considered by each program's advisory committee to ensure they met industry standards before being reviewed by the public and the district's Instructional Materials Committee. The Board unanimously approved the recommended materials.

2020-21 Budget Preparation

Clinton Sherman, Executive Director of Financial Services, presented to the Board an update on preparation of the 2020-21 budget. Initial estimates based on enrollment trends, past state funding and projected local levy collections show the district receiving about \$189 million in revenue for the 2020-21 school year, roughly the same as was budgeted for the 2019-20 school year. Department and school administrators will work over the next few months to draft their budgets for the coming year before a final budget is presented to the Board in June.

Next Regular Meeting: Feb. 25 @ 6:30 p.m.