

Warren County School District  
Budget Ad Hoc Committee Report  
November 14, 2005

Good Evening – Since our last report, we have had 5 meetings. One was a general work session and we had four meetings with members of the administration. In addition to meeting with Mr. Werner on the Athletic Budget last month, we now have had meetings with Mr. Rondinelli on Transportation, Mrs. Stewart on Technology, Mr. Tassone on Special Education, and Dr. Kennerkencht on Building and Grounds. We have been exposed to a lot of information, asked a lot of questions and received a lot of answers. At last Thursday's meeting with Dr. Kennerkencht, he opted to present a review of the PASBO Survey of PA Schools comparing 2003-04 Data with the approved WCSD 2005-06 Budget. This report was very interesting and informative, however we did not find it relevant to our task of reviewing his 2006-07 Budget items so we will probably request an additional meeting with him at a latter date. We have several administrators to go and Mr. Schulz is scheduled for our meeting this coming Thursday evening.

In our work session, we have agreed on a plan to provide information that we believe will in some small way contribute to everyone's goal of providing the best education for our children and grand children that we can afford. This obviously is no easy task. We have named our plan simply "**A Start**". That is it's (1) a start to educate the taxpayers, (2) it's a start to inform referendum voters, and (3) it's a start to establish much needed trust between the WCSB, the Administration, and the Taxpayers. You are to be commended for permitting visitors an opportunity to be more fully heard and ask questions at your committee meetings and for your policy directing that all appropriate information be posted to BoardDocs. Hopefully our plan will add to your desire to open up citizen participation.

Our plan will provide everyone with access to a computer, an opportunity to view a lot of background information regarding the WCSD. This will be helpful to those seeking answers to questions regarding the 2006-07 Budget. I believe that **reasonable people and I repeat reasonable people viewing the same factual information** will pretty much come to the same conclusion as to what needs to be done in the near term as well as the long term. Will this solve all of the problems? Probably not but it's as we say "A Start". To utilize this plan one will proceed in four simple steps as follows:

1. **First** log on to the WCSD's home page at [www.wcsdpa.org](http://www.wcsdpa.org). This service will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week (Refer To Mr. Grant's Picture)

2. **Second** click on the 2006-07 Budget.
3. **Third** review the items listed under the **Eight Categories** (Please remember this is a work in progress. We will modify and add to these categories as we continue to work on this task)
4. **Fourth** click on the subject you want to view. For demonstration purposes, lets assume you wanted to view the following:
  - a. Revenues
  - b. Expenses
  - c. Attendance By Area and School
  - d. Athletic Participation By Area and School
  - e. Page 1 of the Preliminary 2006-07 Budget (Pop UPS)

At next months meeting we will present the items that we have ready to be posted to the web sight and we will be requesting your approval to do so. We will follow the same procedure, as other items are completed and ready to be posted.

Before I conclude are there any questions?

Does anyone on our committee have anything they want to say?

In conclusion, I want to say on behalf of our committee, we appreciate all of the cooperation we have received from the administration, and the assistance of our facillator Mr. Schulz. We also want to thank Mr. Freestone for his attendance at all of our meetings as well as Mr. Grant who has also taken his time to attend 5 of our 6 meetings. I want to leave you with a comment that Mr. Grant made one evening, which was and I am paraphrasing "What we are trying to do has never been done before and there is no established procedure to do it!" I must admit I blinked a little and swallowed hard but here we are. So please be a little patient with us and provide us ample time to do our job. If any of you or any resident of the WCSD has any suggestions as to what information would be helpful to (1) educate the taxpayers, (2) inform the referendum voters, and (3) to establish some much needed trust between the WCSB, the Administration and the Taxpayers, please share them with any member of out committee.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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