

**Blaine Fiscal Review Committee Minutes
November 18, 2008**

Present:

Ron Spanjer, Donna D'Angelo, Campbell McClusky, Russ Carleton, Janet Mumma, Steve Barthlow, Aaron Smith, Kathy Newport, Charles Gibson, J.J. Jensen,

Guests: Kathy Tennyson – Intern at the Elementary School

1. Ron Spanjer convened the meeting reviewing the agenda. We have five program presentations this evening. He welcomed Kathy Tennyson (Principal Intern) and reminded everyone if circumstances necessitate, it is OK to send a substitute to the meeting.
 - a. Some of the guests have called asking how much of a presentation they need to bring. For tonight, they were told a formal presentation was not necessary. This is an informational gathering exercise.
 - b. Ron Spanjer distributed the latest article regarding State budget concerns. There are several published each day. The State sales tax is the driver and since sales are down, revenue is down. The amount is a 4 billion estimate today and growing. It is a substantial amount. The State budget is about 46% for K-12.
 - c. We are here to expand our knowledge regarding how we spend our budget and to review where other spending is going i.e. the State's budget. It is not just Blaine in this current challenge, but all school districts collectively.
 - d. The program representatives are not here to lobby for their program, but rather to respond to two questions:

Additional funds to the program in the future could mean?

Fewer funds to the program in the future could mean?

The committee was asked to offer feedback, thoughts or question, in an effort to surface an optimal level of information.

Donna D'Angelo reviewed the packet of information containing the minutes from the last meeting and the note taking document.

Ron Spanjer reinforced with each group presenting that the committee is not asking for prioritized list of recommendations, but rather is seeking to learn more about the needs of each program.

Five separate groups provided information over the course of the two hour meeting. The details are included in the supplemental document entitled: **“Summary of Program Related Input”**, which can be accessed on the Blaine School District web site.

Committee members also received copies of the following information:

- Fund Balance Trend Data
- I 728 Expenditures
- Levy Collection Levels
- Basic Education Apportionment