Meeting Minutes  
Friday, March 8, 2019

Members Present: Jon Laing, Jon Pechette, Doug Barcy, Kellsey Fairris, Rick Jensen, Elizabeth Lentz, Richard Pugh, Robert Spagnuolo, Lori Schomisch, Cheryl Wald, Stephanie Garber, Scott Baker-Young

Others Present: Steve Lenar

Opening: Jon Laing opened meeting at 1:16 PM

Presentation: Make Your Budget Memorable with Steve Lenar
  • Trust and Creditability—factors vary drastically based on number of factors.
  • Budget Hearing—State of the Union
    o Take Care of Legal Matters
      o Board Policies—What is required of Budget Hearing.
      o Budget Preparation—What Budgets are required.
      o Ad in Newspaper—Public Hearing Notice. Affidavit of Posting
    o Who is Your Audience
      o General Public
      o Board of Education
      o Administrators
    o Tell the story
      o Don’t take process personal, don’t internalize budget
      o Break budget down by category
      o Hit the High Notes
        • Student Count and Foundation Allowance
        • Staffing Levels
        • What’s in, What’s out
        • Stick to the Facts—without data it’s only an opinion
        • Enrollment Comparisons
        • Rate of Deaths vs Births - Make everyone aware that losing kids is not specific to your district
      o Publish the budget – Transparency
  o Have Fun
    o Create a Theme—find a topic to lighten the discussion of budget
    o Know your limits (audience, board of education, superintendent)
    o Accept compliments graciously

Participation & Cooperation – Our Key to Success
Communications:
  a. Next Meeting – May 17, 2019 – Audit Update w/ Maner Costerisan and Plante Moran
  b. MSBO events
     1. March 12: Effective Communications and Team Leadership – LCC West
     2. March 14: REP Q&A Webinar
     3. March 20: Labor Relations/Employment Law – LCC West
     4. March 26 & 28: AHERA Training – MSBO
     5. March 26: Group Solutions – MSBO
     6. March 27: Technology for Operations Manager – MSBO
     7. April 30-May 2: MSBO Annual Conference – Amway Grand and DeVos, GR

Regular Business:

Roundtable Discussion:
  a. MSBO Annual Conference Registration Opened Feb 5 – Early Bird Pricing Extended
  b. CMSBO Summer Outing Info – Lansing Lugnuts, Thursday, June 27, 2019
  c. Lori Schomisch won the door prize-movie theater gift certificate

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM