

1 **MAPLE RUN UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD**

2 **Budget Hearing Summary**

3 **March 1, 2017 6:00 BFA Library, 71 S. Main St., St. Albans**

5 **MRUSD Board Members Present:** James Farr, Steven LaRosa, Michael Malone, Mike L'Esperance, Jack
6 McCarthy, Nilda Gonnella-French, Denise Smith; and Al Corey via google hangouts.

7 **Others Present:** Kevin Dirth, Superintendent; Julie Regimbal, Special Education Director; Martha Gagner,
8 Business Manager; Jason Therrien, Assistant Principal SATEC; Angela Stebbins, SATEC Principal; Sean
9 O'Dell, Curriculum Director; Lisa Durocher, Assistant NWTC Director, Joan Cavallo, Principal SACS, Chris
10 Mosca, BFA Principal, David Kimel, Director Collins Perley, Jeff Morrill, BFA Board Member, Susan Magnan

12 James Farr opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. He reviewed the power point presentation on the proposed
13 FY18 budget which included:

- 14 • The Board of Directors
- 15 • Maple Run Unified School District; Who We Are
- 16 • An overview of each of the schools
- 17 • The FY18 Pre K – 12 budget
- 18 • Education Tax rate information
- 19 • Ballot items

20 The Slide Show is attached to this Summary

21 Susan Magnan apologized for being late and asked about the budget increase and about equity that was
22 discussed when we unified. Mr. Farr reviewed the information covering the budget increase and asked
23 Superintendent Kevin Dirth to respond to the progress towards equity. Dr. Dirth gave a few examples of
24 equity improvements specifically for Fairfield, which included the reinstatement of a fulltime math
25 interventionist, and shared a recent development at a leadership meeting where the high school principal
26 said that, although already budget for, a foreign language teacher will be leaving, and he will no longer
27 need a fulltime teacher as replacement, and offered to work with Fairfield to hire a fulltime teacher and
28 provide 0.4 FTE (equivalent to 2 days a week) to bring foreign language to Fairfield. Ms. Magnan also
29 asked about the fact that St. Albans Town Educational Center bused their students to sports, so why did
30 she had to drive her Fairfield Center School student. Both Mr. Farr and Dr. Dirth said that that is a
31 reasonable question that the Board had been unaware of and it would now be part of the discussion. Mr.
32 Farr said that they are working on equity issues, but it was likely that all would not be fixed in the first
33 year.

34 The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

35 Respectfully Submitted

36 Brenda Comstock