Budget Questions from Public Hearing 3/19/2019

The following questions could not be answered during the public meeting on 3/19. The community members who asked the question were contacted with the answer the following day.

1. The staffing for support services in our schools will be as follows

Elementary Schools:
BES and KES 1 School Psychologist per school and 1 Additional Psychologist shared between the schools;
BES: 3 Special Education Teachers K-3; 2 Preschool Special Education Teachers
KES: 3 Special Education Teachers

Intermediate School:
1 School Psychologist, 0.5 School Counselor; 3.5 Special Education Teachers

Middle School:
1 School Psychologist, 1 Social Worker; 2 School Counselors; 7.5 Special Education Teachers

High School:
1 School Psychologist, 1 Social Worker, 4 School Counselors; 8.6 Special Education Teachers

The number of Paraeducators in schools are variable and depend on individual student IEPs.

2. All Support Services Staff and Special Education Teachers have an office or classroom where services can be provided.

3. Our attorney's hourly rate is $355/hr. Our attorney is present when a parent brings an attorney, when a legal dispute is occurring or at the discretion of the Director of Student Services.

4. The State Trooper costs $144.00/hr to attend meetings.

5. At this point we have not determined all of the aspects of after school clubs. Currently are plans are to follow the protocol used for Elementary clubs where students will stay with the club advisor until pick up. It is already planned that club advisors will be paid a stipend and that is in the budget. Club advisors are paid stipends at the elementary and middle schools as well. If it is determined that a different system is needed we will design the system to meet the needs that have presented themselves.

6. The Towns and School District have discussed the possibility of shared services in the areas of Maintenance for HVAC and IT systems. At this time the School District receives its winter sand and salt from the towns.