

After two hours of discussion and public comments, the board decided (4-1 motion), **to renew the 2 year supplemental levy at an amount of \$ 3.1 Million, on March 12, 2013.** This reflects consideration of Option 2 (see Proposed Cuts Document), with an estimate of \$537,000 in cuts, \$463,000 in revenue, with a cushion of \$37,000 to adjust for other cuts if needed ($\$2,600,000 + \$463,000 + \$37,000 = \$3,100,000$).

The board has not decided to make any of these cuts to these specific programs. This information was developed by the administrative team, with the following directives and assumptions (they are recommendations only, to generate up to \$1 Million in budget cuts).

1. make the cuts as far from the classroom as possible
2. focus on essentials and priorities, not just great programs
3. everything is open for consideration
4. assume that state funding will be the same for next year
5. assume student enrollment will be the same for next year
6. prioritize by what benefits the most students, and what is outside the classroom and regular school calendar
7. hope for a balance of cuts and revenue, not just all cuts

Supplemental levies require a majority of 50.1% to pass (of those that vote), the board has set the following dates for community meetings to review the levy and answer questions from the public:

Monday, February 18, 7 pm at Tetonia Elementary

Monday, February 25, 7 pm, in Driggs at School District Office board room

Monday, March 4, 7 pm at Victor Elementary

Regular board meetings will further review of budget cut considerations, state funding for this year and next year, and the planning to build the 13-14 school budget. Those regular board meetings will be held February 11 and March 11 at 7:00 pm at the School District Office board room. The budget will be reviewed at regular board meetings each month thereafter.