



World-Class Education
World-Class Community

***“It’s About People,
Not Programs.”***

(Todd Whitaker)

Questions from 12-3-14

Q: How are the dollars per student determined? How much leeway is in that figure? Does this include all the logistics (technology, facilities, supplies, transportation)? I assume the state pulls these figures together. Why aren't the figures higher for smaller communities since we don't have the numbers like large cities?

A: The \$ per pupil is determined by the Indiana Department of Education Funding Formula. This formula is complex (17 pages) but is based upon the student population not the infrastructure of a corporation. The major items it takes into account are: Foundation Amount (\$4569), F/R Lunch %, Special Education, Etc.

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Q: Could the large # of students who left Montpelier when the Junior High moved have skewed the average # number of students who are leaving every year?

A: If we exclude the 2010-2011 school year, the district is still declining at a rate of 56 students per year (as compared to 62). This equates to a decrease in General Fund revenue of approximately (\$350,000.00)

9 Year Enrollment History

	Enrollment									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
Kindergarten	156	173	128	150	135	137	139	148	133	
1st	181	142	163	128	148	128	142	137	146	
2nd	151	173	147	165	125	153	125	141	132	
3rd	180	155	180	145	163	128	145	127	140	
4th	164	177	144	171	145	164	126	143	118	
5th	161	160	172	139	157	139	158	127	136	
6th	164	163	167	166	143	150	137	165	116	
7th	186	160	157	158	157	138	134	140	158	
8th	168	183	165	159	142	155	137	139	141	
9th	194	173	181	177	182	142	152	125	135	
10th	214	189	157	183	151	142	143	147	124	
11th	175	190	181	144	151	141	133	134	143	
12th	158	167	183	151	133	166	135	134	132	
Total	2252	2205	2125	2036	1932	1883	1806	1807	1754	
		-47	-80	-89	-104	-49	-77	1	-53	-62.25

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Q: When does the corporation start looking at “extra staff” – administrators and cutting costs there – and not those that do the actual educating? I’ve heard that some administrators are well paid – what is their role/responsibility in the school corporation?

A: The following is a list of administrative/managerial positions throughout the district:

- 1. Superintendent**
- 2. Executive Treasurer**
- 3. Building Principal (5)**
- 4. Assistant Principal (1)**
- 5. Director of Transportation/Buildings/Grounds**
- 6. Corporation School Psychologist**
- 7. Athletic Director**

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A: Administrative/managerial/clerical positions that have been replaced or eliminated in the past 12 months:

1. Business Manager

a. One clerical position (business office)

2. Technology Director (replaced by company)

3. Director of Curriculum and Evaluation (will re-evaluate in 6 months)

4. Dean of Students

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Q: \$4 Million to renovate Montpelier – do the numbers support this?

A: \$4 Million was an estimate given by OMS to improve the space and energy utilization of the building. BCS has contacted another company to solicit quotes on other ways to reduce energy costs for Montpelier at a smaller price tag.

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Q: The “extras” – do the numbers support an auditorium – definitely see the need, but with a balcony? I don’t think this is necessary.

A: Based upon the feedback that OMS and BSU received from speaking with community stakeholders, a larger auditorium with a balcony was one possible suggestion. Whether the community wishes to move forward with a new auditorium (with or without the balcony) is yet to be decided.

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Q: What about one K-12 school?

A: Since this option was viewed as potentially too drastic of a change and unlikely to receive community support, it was not proposed as an option. However, if this is something the community does wish to explore, we could ask OMS to run an estimated cost as well as determine the estimated operating cost.

Comments from 12-3-14

- 1. We must get back the industrial arts and encourage kids that “college may not be for them.”**
- 2. Why does this community - a farming community not have FFA?**
- 3. The plan tonight addressed bathrooms, and space for kindergarten classrooms. However, I would just like to be sure that necessary changes are made to the exterior to establish the safety of the younger children: Example: 1) Smaller playground equipment for smaller kids; 2) fencing for the perimeter of the playground area; 3) doors from classroom to playground**

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- 1. Investing \$4+ million in Montpelier seems risky when many members of our community are electing to school their children elsewhere.**
- 2. What about option 4 – could Montpelier be K-4 and have all 5-8 at Junior High?**
- 3. We need to bring back industrial arts programs back – ICE, FFA, etc.**
- 4. You need to place more emphasis on early education. Put money into expanding those programs rather than more gyms and weight rooms for the high school.**
- 5. You also need to offer sports through the school. There is so much emphasis on sports in high school but we don't try to teach them to do it younger.**
- 6. Arts programs need to be expanded as well. There are limited programs available for kids of all ages. Is there even a drama department anymore?**