

Cost Saving Measures Utilized by the Grandview Heights City School District

Since arriving in the school district in November of 2006, I have worked to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars. As requested by the Board of Education, I have prepared a list of some cost saving measures instituted since my arrival.

1. Conversion of the high school special education from a county run unit to a district run unit. This saves approximately \$60,000 a year.
2. Converting the 1991 phone system to a new VOIP system. Operational costs and maintenance costs have been decreased.
3. Conversion to a Web-based substitute finder system has been more efficient, provides more feedback for staff and is less expensive than the prior system.
4. Many cost centers had cuts reflective of state funding cuts. 1% in 2009-2010 and 2% in 2010-2011.
5. 1.0 FTE staff reduction in 2009-2010.
6. Potential 1.0 FTE staff reduction slated for 2011-2012.
7. Staff realignment in 2008-2009 to strengthen several district services without increasing FTE's.
8. Every purchase order is reviewed prior to signing. Many have been denied. Others requests have been reduced.
9. Moving one maintainer to a flexible shift schedule has cut down on overtime.
10. Pre-planning the summer cleaning schedule in 2009 significantly reduced custodial overtime over 2008 expenditures.
11. When the attorney general rendered an opinion in mid-fiscal year that we could not charge ADK tuition, I immediately worked with state officials to have legislation passed to allow this charge to continue. The law was quickly passed and saved the district over \$75,000.
12. We have increased the number of students paying tuition this past year. This money goes directly to the general fund.
13. Over the past three years, I have worked with a third-party to increase our sponsorship revenues. We have receipts in excess of \$20,000 during the past several years for sponsorships that did not exist 4 years ago.

This provides a sample of how the school district looks at our expenditures and works to find ways to reduce costs or increase revenues.