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District 6 contract negotiations continue today

The following is a joint statement from the Negotiations Team:

Today, a team of educators from the Greeley Education Association, administrators and Board of Education members in Greeley-Evans School District 6 continued meeting to identify issues that need to be addressed by smaller work groups over the next few months.

The group heard information about the early preliminary budget estimates from Chief Financial Officer Meggan Sponsler. This information also included anticipated expenses including the advancement of the salary schedule for educators as well as a similar increase for classified staff. Ms. Sponsler also provided estimates for what it would cost to address additional compensation issues, such as increasing base pay for teachers, addressing a previous issue from past contracts called the crossover key and compensating those employees who had their salary frozen back in the 2009-10 school year. A compensation committee will reconvene in February and as more information is available from the state about funding the School Finance Act, a compensation package will be brought back to the entire team, probably in April.

In addition, the group talked about the recent compensation increase for Superintendent Dr. Deirdre Pilch, and Board members in the group talked about why that raise occurred and reiterated their support for that decision. They also answered questions from the group regarding the raise and provided additional information.

The other issues discussed for further work include student behavior, social and emotional needs, teacher wellness and safety, and professional development. These issues will be taken up by committees over the next few weeks and that work will be ongoing.

There was some discussion around the possibility of another multi-year contract for educators. Most were in support of that as long as the negotiations team comes back together one or two times before that to hear reports on progress being made on the issues outlined during this session, and to possibly address new issues.

The team will reconvene tomorrow (Friday) to identify other issues and begin work on forming committees to address all the issues in the coming months.

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