

Bend-La Pine Schools Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 11, 2021

Meeting Location

To support Governor Brown's executive orders for social distancing, the Board of Directors conducted the Budget Committee Meeting virtually, through Cisco WebEx. The meeting was also live streamed to the BLS Schoolboard YouTube webpage.

Board Members Present

Carrie Douglass
Melissa Barnes Dholakia
Caroline Skidmore
Amy Tatom
Julie Craig
Stuart Young
Shimiko Montgomery

Budget Committee Members Present

Matt Hillman
Natasha McFarland
Sharon Bellusci
Shirley Olson
Tom Bahrman
Marcus LeGrand

Budget Committee Members Absent

Rick Olegario

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Budget Committee Chair McFarland at 5:04 p.m., roll call followed.

Approval of Minutes

Tom Bahrman moved to approve the April 13, 2021, Budget Committee Meeting Minutes. Amy Tatom seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Public Comment

There were no public comments received.

Review of the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Update - Budget Information

Brad Henry shared that the conversations in Salem are leaning towards funding the state school fund at \$9.3 billion as we anticipated. In regards to the three federal financial packages, the first of which was received spring 2020, the third allocation was in line with our original estimate. The final deadline to adopt a budget is June 30, 2021. Henry discussed enrollment, how that drives funding, and how different dollars are used to fund staffing. He concluded with noting that the proposed budget is balanced.

Committee Questions, Discussion and Deliberation

Budget Committee Chair McFarland thanked Brad Henry and his team for their hard work and opened the meeting for questions and discussion. Tom Bahrman echoed his praise for Brad Henry's consistent hard work on the budget. He shared his concerns regarding using one-time funds for programs, but understands that is how education funds

work and realizes that many excellent programs would not exist today if they hadn't been started with one-time funds.

Chair Douglass praised Brad Henry and his team for the comprehensive data provided.

Budget Committee Approval

Matt Hillman moved to approved the assessment of the permanent tax rate of \$4.7641 per \$1,000 of assessed value in support of the general fund, to approve a tax of \$38,592,783 in the Debt Service Fund for the purpose of the payment of bonded debt owed by the school district, and to approve the budget in the aggregate amount of \$377,045,305. Tom Bahrman seconded the motion. Budget Committee Chair McFarland took a roll call vote. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Recorded by: Janet Bojanowski

MINUTES APPROVED AT JUNE 15, 2021, BOARD MEETING