

Bend-La Pine Schools
Bend, OR 97703

The Board of Directors met in a Budget Committee Meeting on May 14, 2019 at the Education Center, 520 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97703.

Board Members Present

Andy High
Peggy Kinkade
Julie Craig
Ron Gallinat
Stuart Young
Carrie Douglass

Budget Committee Members Present

Natasha McFarland
Bruce Reynolds
Amy Tatom
Matt Hillman
Heidi Slaybaugh
Tom Bahram

Budget Committee Members Absent

Rick Olegario

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 by Budget Chair McFarland. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Approve of Minutes

Ron Gallinat moved to approve the April 9, 2019 budget committee meeting minutes. Carrie Douglass seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Update

Chair McFarland invited Superintendent Mikalson to share an update on the budget. Mikalson reviewed proposed budgets from the state and shared the differences in Governor Brown's base budget and the Student Success Budget, highlighting the lack of education funding in Oregon and what an investment in education would allow the district to do. The budget document presented for consideration is built on the Governor's base budget. He noted PERS reform and the impact of PERS on the district's budget. He reminded all that we need to remain grounded and the district's intention is to create and operate on a status quo budget to provide consistency to students and maintain true to the commitments and goals outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Question & Answer

Mikalson offered to answer any questions. There were no questions.

Chair McFarland invited Roy Burling to review the document he sent out to board and committee members.

High asked about PERS reform and how it will impact the budget. Mikalson said SB 1049 is still in the hearing

process and would go into effect January of 2021 and we would still have the \$4 million that would continue to impact the 2019-20 budget as presented.

Kinkade asked about the \$14 million that are anticipated from the Student Success Act and if those funds are included in the 2019-20 budget. Mikalson explained the dollars are reflected in the budget document and listed as a grant fund. Kinkade suggested that the budget be updated prior to board adoption so there is no confusion on the \$14 million anticipated dollars and reflects what the district is actually expecting to get.

Slaybaugh asked about what the cost is to add a day of school back; Henry estimated between \$750,000 – \$800,000 per day. Mikalson explained adding days would be a process approved by the school board which would also consider class size reduction, increase in social emotional supports, etc. priorities.

McFarland asked about the insurance reserve fund and if it is required by law or if it could be rolled into another area of the budget. Henry said it is not required by Oregon Law and explained it is set aside for liability and property claims (we have a high deductible to help lower our premium) and iPad insurance funds are also processed through this fund and resource. The district typically spends some or all of the insurance reserve fund dollars.

Budget Deliberation / Approval

Matt Hillman moved to approve 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 \$35,181,299 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 \$519,834,398. Ron Gallinat seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Chair McFarland adjourned the budget committee meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Chair High recessed the regular meeting at 5:28 p.m. and said the regular meeting would resume at 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by: Andrea Wilson

Minutes approved at 6.25.19 board meeting