

Bend-La Pine Schools
Bend, OR 97703

The Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools met in a Budget Committee Meeting on April 9, 2019 at the Education Center, 520 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97703.

Board Members Present

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

Budget Committee Members Present

Rick Olegario
Bruce Reynolds
Amy Tatom
Matt Hillman
Natasha McFarland *arrived at 5:13 p.m.*

Budget Committee Members Absent

Tom Bahram
Heidi Slaybaugh

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair High. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Review of the Agenda

Chair High reviewed the agenda. There were no changes.

Election of Budget Committee Officers

Chair High entertained nominations for Budget Committee Chair.

Rick Olegario nominated Natasha McFarland for Budget Committee Chair. Matt Hillman seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Chair High nominated Matt Hillman for Budget Committee Vice Chair. Ron Gallinat seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Budget Message

Vice Chair Hillman invited Superintendent Mikalson to share his 2019-20 budget message. Mikalson thanked all Budget Committee and Board members for their time and presented the 2019-20 budget message and highlighted the district's method to review, measure and gauge success in a variety of areas and how the budget is built upon the district's core mission. He noted issues of funding that impact class size and length of school year amongst other areas. Oregon's funding presents challenges that lend to tough decisions when the district considers how to fund identified priorities. Mikalson said he plans to attend a hearing this week for HB 2019 which is focused on increasing the state's investment in education. He noted areas the district would invest in should more funding become available, adding, the budget proposed by Governor Brown is a status quo budget, at best, for the district.

Review of Budget Document

All Budget Committee and Board members were provided a copy of the 2019-20 proposed budget and Roy Burling walked through the document. He thanked Cindy Wallskog, Marcia Copple, Nick Shein, Jenny Ostrom, Kristi Scheiderman, and Hallie Smith who worked to help prepare the document. Brad Henry noted the data and information is similar to what has been presented in years past, however, the format with charts and explanations of data throughout the document make it much more user friendly.

Burling said the next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for May 14th. He asked that any questions about the proposed budget be sent to him by May 9th and he will have answers prepared for the next meeting.

Public Input

Chair McFarland invited Travis Overley to speak.

Overley, a teacher at Summit High School, asked Budget Committee and Board members for their support with May 8th advocacy efforts that are being planned across the state noting the 30-year disinvestment in education needs to end. He shared reasons why educators are considering walking out and asked for support from the district and community.

Chair McFarland adjourned the budget committee meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Chair High recessed the regular meeting at 5:38 p.m. and said the regular meeting would resume at 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by: Andrea Wilson

Minutes approved at 5.14.19 budget committee meeting