

SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55

Sweet Home, Oregon

Board Chairman Reynolds called the Budget Committee Meeting, Sweet Home School District No. 55 to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 15, 2017 in the District Office Conference Room.

Board Members in Attendance

Mike Reynolds, Jason Redick, Mike Adams, Chanz Keeney, Carol Babcock, Debra Brown, Jenny Daniels absent: Jason Van Eck (arrived after meeting was adjourned), Angela Clegg

Board Attendance

Budget Members in Attendance

Miriam Hooley, Ben Emmert, Don Hopkins, Jocelyn Gordon absent: Brittney Donnell

Budget Attendance

Staff Members in Attendance

Superintendent Tom Yahraes; Administrators: Kevin Strong, Colleen Henry, Luke Augsburg, Todd Barrett, Jennifer Sedlock; Board Recording Secretary Julie Emmert

Staff Attendance

Other Attendance

Sean Morgan, representing the New Era; Jennifer Moody, Albany Democrat Herald

Other Attendance

Welcome and introduction of the Budget Committee members, staff, and patrons led by Mike Reynolds, Chairman of the Board.

Welcome and introductions

Kevin Strong reviewed the meeting agenda and expectations.

Election of Budget Committee Officers

***Motion No. 17-30** – Board Member Chanz Keeney moved to appoint the 2016/2017 Budget Committee Officers, nominating Don Hopkins as Chair. Budget Committee Member Mike Adams seconded the motion. The Motion carried unanimously.*

**Election of Budget Committee Officers
Motion to Appoint Chair**

Mr. Hopkins called for nominations or volunteers for the Budget Committee Secretary.

Chanz Keeney and Jenny Daniels were both nominated:

***Motion No. 17-31** – Board member Mike Reynolds nominated Jenny Daniels for secretary. Board Member Chanz Keeney seconded the nomination. Mike Adams nominated Chanz Keeney. Final vote was to elect Jenny Daniels as Budget Committee Secretary.*

Motion to appoint Secretary

Reviewed Committee Operating Procedures

Superintendent Tom Yahraes reviewed the Budget Committee Operating Procedures. Kevin Strong shared information and asked committee members to email any questions they may have regarding the proposed budget to Mr. Yahraes or himself for preparation of Thursday's meeting.

Operating Procedures

Presentation of Budget Message 2017-18 and Budget Highlights

Mr. Yahraes read the 2017-18 Budget message:

Budget Message

Budget Message included:

❖ Priority Areas:

Priority Areas

1. Improve Academic Achievement
2. Increase Participation Thriving Citizens Activities
3. Increase organizational effectiveness
4. Improve, Maintain and Upgrade Facilities

❖ Budget Highlights:

1. Changes from the 2016-17 budget to the 2017-18 budget largely reflect the reallocation of funds and the acquisition of additional funds in order to address the district's Four Priority Areas
2. The cost of adding 25 more instructional days for student learning in 2017-18 school year (5-day week) is set off by proposing a 155 student cap in our Charter School Agreement.
3. Adding 2.75 elementary PE instructors, thus new programming for K-6 students is generally offset by a reallocation of 3 licensed staff from the high school. Reallocating 3 FTE from the high school also achieves a more equitable distribution of regular ed K-12 teacher to student ratio.
4. Adding 3.0 teaching positions at the elementary level as compared to the prior budget. Two of these positions were filled during the 2016-17 school year to help reduce class sizes and will be maintained.
5. The addition of a .5 administrative position is largely offset by the elimination of .3 Title district office oversights, and thus the consolidation of duties.
6. Procuring almost \$4.5 million in additional funding from state seismic grants for three of our elementary schools and also pursuing E-rate grant funding for technology infrastructure upgrades. This is on top of a \$1.4 million seismic grant we were awarded last year which will be used to fund seismic upgrades at the high school auditorium this summer. We continue to look under every rock to find grants that will make our schools safer and more secure and also extend their lifespan. Our goal is to improve our school facilities without burdening the community with a higher tax rate.
7. The addition of a \$270,000 special revenue fund as a result of Ballot Measure 98 that voters passed in November 2016. Assuming the state provides funding, these funds can be focused on three areas: Career Technical Education, college preparatory programs, and dropout prevention. Funding can be used to build new programs but cannot be used to fund existing ones.

Questions and Comments**Questions and Comments**

- ❖ Don Hopkins - What is the .5 admin position and how many students does Holley Elementary have enrolled; Mr. Yahraes explained that the .5 admin position is going to Todd Barrett at Holley, the enrollment is about 145.
- ❖ Mike Adams- What is the reason for the elimination of the .3 Title 1 position; Mr. Yahraes explained that Connie May has retired and she was filling the spot of Title 1 reporting.
- ❖ Jenny Daniels- Does the budget included room for insurance increases; Mr. Strong said yes.
- ❖ Carol Babcock - Is it common to put a cap on Charter School enrollment; Mr. Yahraes said that the cap was 260 in the last contract but the Charter School enrollment has been down so we have lowered the cap.
- ❖ Don Hopkins - Is the Charter school increasing grades up to 8th grade; Mr. Yahraes explained that the Charter school building cannot hold more than the current K-6.
- ❖ Carol Babcock – Does the School District receive funding for homeschool students; Mr. Strong said no.
- ❖ Jenny Daniels – Will insurance go up next year for classified due to the extra day; Mr. Strong said no it would not, insurance is based on daily hours.
- ❖ Mike Adams – Will there be a time increase in classified schedules; Mr. Yahraes explained that we are still in negotiations so we are unsure what that will look like right now.
- ❖ Mim Hooley – Will the Charter School most likely accept the enrollment cap; Mr. Yahraes feels confident that they will and also said that the district will be flexible if there is a large increase in student enrollment.
- ❖ Mike Reynolds – Will the Charter school contract be done by June; Mr. Yahraes said that we are in the process of setting the next meeting but hope to be done before June.

- ❖ Mike Adams - Why are we not filling the .3 Title 1 position but adding a .5 admin position; Mr. Yahraes explained that Todd Barrett will be taking on the Title 1 duties, we are not filling that position but giving MR. Barrett those duties.
- ❖ Chanz Keeney – What is the addition of the \$270,000 revenue going towards? Mr. Strong explained that those funds would be focused on the CTE programs at the High School - Creation and innovation for these programs along with college preparation and dropout prevention.

Budget Discussion

Mr. Hopkins reminded the budget committee of their role and also to send any questions regarding the proposed budget to either Tom Yahraes or Kevin Strong before Thursday.

Budget Discussion

Next meeting date, May 18, 2017, 6:00 p.m. in DO Board

Next Meeting

Adjourn 6:40 p.m.

Adjournment

Signature, Budget Chairman

Julie Emmert, Board Secretary
Meeting was also recorded and saved