

Three Rivers School District  
8550 New Hope Road  
Grants Pass, Oregon 97527

## Budget Committee Meeting #2 – 5/27/2015

The Three Rivers School District Budget Committee met for their second 2015-2016 budget meeting in the school district board room at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Oregon 97527.

**Budget  
Committee  
Met**

### Members Present:

Danny York, Board Chairperson  
Kate Dwyer, Board Member  
Keith Haley, Budget Committee Member  
Jack Dwyer, Budget Committee Member  
Aaron Ausland, Budget Committee Member  
Jacki Holcomb, Budget Committee Member

**Present**

### Members Absent:

Kevin Marr, Budget Committee Member  
Kara Olmo, Board Member  
Ron Crume, Board Member  
Ron Lengwin, Board Member

**Absent**

Also Present: David Holmes, Superintendent; Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director of Special Education; Debbie Breckner, Director of Human Resources; Casey Alderson, Curriculum Director; Dave Valenzuela, Curriculum Director; Darrell Erb, Administrator; Damian Crowson, Administrator; Kari O'Brien, teacher; Dave Marks, teacher; Ahrien Johnson, OSEA Field Representative; and Lisa Cross, Recording Secretary

**Also Present**

Budget Chair Keith Haley called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order**

Budget Chair Haley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from 5/7/2015. Board Member Kate Dwyer moved to approve, seconded by Budget Member Jack Dwyer. No discussion, motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to  
Approve  
Minutes**

Lisa Cross presented a budget update. She stated the State Revenue Forecast resulted in an additional \$105.8 million for K-12 education for the biennium. She received an email from COSA yesterday noting they had conversations with the Ways & Means Co-Chairs and it was evident that all of the \$105.8 million is expected to be allocated in the second half of the biennium. It was also noted that a 49/51 split with the \$105.8 million included resulted in approximately the same funding for 2015-16 as the 50/50 split currently in place. Ms. Cross noted, the district has not received an official estimate from the State and was notified not to expect one for at least a couple of weeks.

**Budget  
Update**

In addition, the Revenue Forecast projected an increase in Corporate Income Tax collections. The bad news is that right now the Oregon Department of Education is unclear how the corporate kicker will fit into the State School Fund Formula. There is a suggestion that it has already been included in the \$7.255 Billion base, and some say not. Until the uncertainty is cleared up, the Oregon Department of Education will not include any dollars in their revenue formula. She went on to relay the Administrations recommendations for any changes to the Proposed Budget.

Dave Marks, TRSD teacher, asked to clarify that the roll up costs do not include any income increases for teachers (really everybody), while state personal income went up 3.5%, this budget is looking at 0% increase for teachers. That is disappointing. Demands on teachers keep going up and up and up. 50% of teachers are at the top of the step and will receive nothing additional in compensation. He stated that he just finds it very frustrating.

**Public  
Comment**

Board Member Kate Dwyer would like to move some of the building discretionary budgets into an enshrined library book line item. She stated she was not fixed on a specific amount, but wanted to give the libraries the tools to improve. Budget Member Ausland is concerned about applying restrictions on the dollars for principals. Stephanie Allen-Hart, noted that at the elementary level it is fairly easy to get donations from the PTA, grants, etc., to supplement library books. Casey Alderson would recommend having the funds at a district level for access by the district librarian. Dave Valenzuela would suggest using the next year and the new district librarian to assess the library needs district wide and come back next year to be able to justify the needs.

**Discussion**

Superintendent Holmes would be comfortable moving \$5,000 from the Board of Education legal fees to the Curriculum library books line item.

Board Member Kate Dwyer moved to re-appropriate \$5,000 from the Board of Education Legal Fees and \$2,000 from the Curriculum Library Supply account to Curriculum Library Texts. Motion was seconded by Board Chair Danny York. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Member Aaron Ausland touched briefly on Mr. Marks' comments about employee increases. He wanted to make sure that there is a union bargaining process outside of this venue and verify that it is not germane to our process here. Superintendent Holmes stated it was germane to some degree in that the only dollars available for compensation increases are the \$300,000 in contingency. Budget Member Ausland added that it is important staff feel valued, and he hopes the bargaining process shows that.

Board Chair York asked what the cost of the 2% increase last year was. Ms. Cross stated over \$400,000.

Budget Chair Haley moved to approve the proposed budget with the changes noted in the motion earlier, and approve taxes for the 2015-2016 fiscal year at the rate of \$3.7262 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes, and in the amount of \$2,190,200 for payment of bond, principal and interest. Motion was seconded by Board Member Kate Dwyer, motion passed unanimously.

**Motion**

Budget Chair Haley adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**Adjourn**

Budget Chair Haley reopened the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

**Re-Open**

Budget Member Dwyer moved to approve the proposed budget with the specified changes noted in the motion earlier, and approve taxes for the 2015-2016 fiscal year at the rate of \$3.7262 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes, and in the amount of \$2,190,200 for payment of bond, principal and interest. Motion was seconded by Board Member Kate Dwyer, motion passed unanimously.

**Motion**

**Adjourned**

Budget Chair Haley adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Cross  
Recording Secretary

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