

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

5/30/18

Budget Committee Meeting #2 – 5/30/18

The Three Rivers School District Budget Committee met for their second 2017-2018 budget meeting in the school district Illinois Room at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Oregon 97527.

**Budget
Committee
Met**

Members Present:

Kate Dwyer, Board Chairperson
Danny York, Board Member
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Member
Rich Halsted, Board Member
Jack Dwyer, Budget Committee Member
Kevin Marr, Budget Committee Member
Jennifer Vetter, Budget Committee Member
Thomas Davis, Budget Committee Member

Present

Members Absent:

Andreas Goldner, Budget Committee Member
Paul Kelly, Board Vice Chair

Absent

Also Present: Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent; Jessica Durrant, Director of Teaching & Learning; Stephanie Allen, Director of Special Education; Casey Alderson, Director of Secondary Education; and Lisa Cross, Recording Secretary.

Also Present

Budget Committee Chair Jack Dwyer called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

Budget Chair asked for a motion to approve minutes from the 5/16/18 meeting. Board Chair Kate Dwyer moved to approve the minutes; Board Member Rich Halsted seconded. Motion passed.

**Approve
Minutes**

Frequently Asked Questions; Lisa Cross presented the FAQ posted on the website which covered inquiries about transportation, increases in District Wide operating costs, contingency dollars, furlough days, instructional hours, Maintenance of Effort, high school FTE, insurance, and a four day school week.

FAQ's

Board Chair Kate Dwyer stated some districts are looking at year-round school and noted the district should look at all options. Board Member Danny York asked if test scores increased or decreased after local schools changed to a four day school week. Superintendent Valenzuela stated he is willing to look at these options and will try to find a comparable district to survey. Board Chair Kate Dwyer talked about the librarian's contract and the connections with the Southern Oregon ESD.

Discussion

Superintendent Dave Valenzuela informed the budget committee that he was committed to reducing the number of furlough days. He stated that federal grants have very specific spending requirements and the district could not use those grants to restore a day. He did, however, look at the Collaboration Grant and proposed that it pay for a full staff development day. In addition, he recommended reducing legal fees by \$25,000 to pay for 1 student transportation day. By approving both of those changes it would allow the district to reinstate 1 school day, lowering the number of cut days to three.

**Additional
Information**

Discussion continued around funding for education, the state school fund formula, transportation, the poverty calculation, political action and the upcoming legislative session.

Discussion continued

Board Chair Jack Dwyer asked if there were any further questions. Board Member Rich Halsted made a motion to approve the Three Rivers School District proposed budget, approve taxes for the 2018-2019 fiscal year at the rate of \$3.7262 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes, and in the amount of \$2,157,603 for payment of bond principal and interest with the following changes; reinstate 1 instructional day with funding from the Collaboration Grant and move \$25,000 from legal fees to student transportation out of the General Fund; and request from the board to consider that if additional funding becomes available instructional days are restored first in this order; Thursday 12/20/18, Friday 12/21/18, then Friday 5/24/19. Motion was seconded by Board Member York. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Approve Budget

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Cross
Recording Secretary

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