

The Board of Directors of Pendleton School District 16R met for a Special Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the district office boardroom.

Present: Debbie McBee, Chair
 Dale Freeman
 Gary George
 Dave Krumbein
 Michelle Monkman
 Steve Umbarger
 Brad Bixler, Director of Human Resources
 Michelle Jones, Director of Business Services
 Julie Smith, Director of Special Programs
 Matt Yoshioka, Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator
 Tami Calvert, Secretary
 Antonio Sierra, East Oregonian

Absent: Lynn Lieuallen

Opening and Call to Order

Chair McBee called the special board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and shared that this meeting is being audio recorded. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Overview of Budget

Michelle Jones shared that the Legislature's Joint Ways and Means Committee advised districts to build their budget with a projected \$7.8 billion state school fund. Mrs. Jones stated that the district is facing a \$3 million shortfall based on the projected \$7.8 billion statewide education budget. She noted that 78 percent of the district's funding is tied to personnel costs. The district did not take this decision lightly and worked for months to determine scenarios that would not impact the students in the classroom. She reminded that the budget has to be adopted by June 30, 2017. The budget committee will meet on May 18, 2017.

Approval of Reduction of Force

Brad Bixler presented the following recommended reduction in force:

Administration

- 1.0 FTE District Director**
- 1.0 FTE District Coordinator**
- 1.0 FTE Elementary Assistant Principal**

Certified

- 1.0 FTE Secondary Math**
- 1.0 FTE Business**

Classified

- 1.0 FTE Secretary**
- 3.0 FTE Assistant/Paraprofessional**

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- 1.0 FTE Facilities Assistant**

A motion to approve the above reduction in force was made by Steve Umbarger, seconded by Dale Freeman, and approved unanimously by the board.

Chair McBee noted that the state budget is the main reason behind the shortfall and the recommended layoffs. Mrs. McBee announced that the decisions are not actions based on poor decisions in our district and are not entirely related to declining enrollment. The issue is the insufficient funding by the state of Oregon for education and our districts declining enrollment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 a.m.

Chair

Superintendent

Secretary

Date