

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

5/27/2014

Budget Committee Meeting #2 – May 27, 2014

The Three Rivers School District Budget Committee met for the second 2014-2015 budget meeting in the school district board room at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2014, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Oregon 97527.

**Budget
Committee
Met**

Members Present:

Kara Olmo, Board Chairperson
Ron Crume, Board Member
Danny York, Board Member
Kate Dwyer, Board Member
Ron Lengwin, Board Member
Kevin Marr, Budget Committee Member
Keith Haley, Budget Committee Member
Jacki Holcomb, Budget Committee Member

Present

Members Absent:

Tammy Canady, Budget Committee Member

Absent

Also Present: Dave Valenzuela, Elementary Curriculum Director; Stephanie Allen-Hart, Special Education Director; Debbie Breckner, Human Resources Director; David Holmes; Dave Marks, TREA Representative; Daye Stone, Principal; Jamie Ongman, Assistant Principal; Heather Yount, Principal; Renee Hults, Principal; Debbie Yerby; Linda Kappan; Shelly Quick; Patricia Adams, Superintendent; Lisa Cross, Recording Secretary.

Also Present

Budget Chairperson Keith Haley called the second budget committee meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Call to Order

Board Chairperson Kara Olmo moved to approve the minutes from the 4/22/14 budget meeting, seconded by Budget Member Kevin Marr. Six members approved the motion, 2 abstained; Board Member Ron Crume and Board Member Ron Lengwin stated they wanted more time to read the minutes.

**Motion to
Approve
Minutes**

Lisa Cross updated the committee on new estimates from the State of Oregon which resulted in an estimated net increase of \$532,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015. Administrative recommendations for changes to the proposed budget were to recognize the additional \$500,000 in revenue and appropriate it into contingency.

**Budget
Update**

Ms. Cross clarified a question concerning appropriations for library funds, noting the administrators at each building have control of those dollars through the discretionary funds.

Budget Member Marr asked what happens if the district decides it needs another teacher during the year. Ms. Cross explained how contingency dollars can be used with an approved board resolution.

Questions

Board Member Crume asked if there were funds budgeted for the Smarter Balance assessment next year. Dave Valenzuela, Director of Curriculum stated there is no cost to the district for this assessment.

Daye Stone, Principal Hidden Valley High School and Jamie Ongman Assistant Principal thanked the board for supporting the field renovation grant at Hidden Valley High School. Mr. Stone noted the “in-kind” donations have exceeded the requirements for the grant but that it would be helpful for donors to see district dollars supporting the project as well. There is a \$150,000 gap that has been backed by the Hidden Valley Booster club pledging their fundraising efforts for the next 10 years. Evergreen Federal has approved a 3% loan for that amount, but Mr. Stone stated he didn’t want “ham string” the booster club for that length of time. He asked the budget committee to consider allocating 5% of the project cost (or \$75,000) to this project. Discussion continued on the details and management of the grant. Board Chair Olmo stated she felt financial support from the district was appropriate and very few decisions made can leverage a gift of this amount.

**Public
Comment**

Dave Marks, TREA Representative stated he had concerns about elementary class sizes. He asked the budget committee to consider those the first priority and to please wait until September to look at class sizes before committing dollars.

Mr. Stone asked the budget committee to consider funding all unfunded sports. Board Chair Olmo asked about coaching salaries and discussion continued concerning the number and amount of positions paid out of this years’ budget.

(Note: At this time, Board Member Dwyer had to leave for a program at Lorna Byrne Middle School)

Budget Chair Haley noted that by leaving the additional funds in contingency it would give some flexibility to the Board and Superintendent to address priorities next year.

Discussion

Board Chair Olmo asked for clarification on the process to appropriate contingency funds.

Budget Member Marr made a motion to recommend to the Board of Directors that they preserve \$75,000 for the Evergreen Federal sports complex at Hidden Valley High School. Motion was seconded by Budget Member Holcomb. Motion was passed unanimously.

Motion

Board Member Lengwin asked what the long term cost savings would be for maintenance on the new Hidden Valley turf field. Assistant Principal Ongman stated he would get that information together. Board Member Olmo noted there could be ADM implications and a revenue source for events as well.

Discussion

Budget Member Marr asked how many home school students were in the district. That number was not readily available.

Board Chair Olmo moved to approve the Proposed Budget with administrative changes noted from the update; approve the taxes for the 2014-15 fiscal year at a rate of \$3.7262 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes, and an amount of \$2,129,238 for payment of bond principal and interest. Motion was seconded by Budget Member Holcomb. Motion was passed unanimously.

Motion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cross
Recording Secretary