

BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Budget Committee Meeting

May 28, 2009

The Budget Committee of the Beaverton School District conducted a Budget Meeting at the Administration Center on May 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Craig Irwin, Chair
Mary VanderWeele, Vice Chair
Tom Quillin
Karen Cunningham
Lisa Shultz
Jeff Hicks
Sarah Smith

Budget Committee Members Present:

Brett Baker, Chair
Cheri McDevitt, Vice Chair
Kim Overhage
Christina Clasey
Cameron Irtifa
Mark Schick
Dave Bouchard

District Staff Present:

Jerome Colonna	Superintendent
Sarah Boly	Deputy Superintendent
Bud Moore	Deputy Superintendent
Claire Hertz	Chief Financial Officer
Sue Robertson	Chief Human Resource Officer
Steve Langford	Chief Information Officer
Maureen Wheeler	Public Communication Officer
Joanne Ossanna	Administrator for Business Services
Holly Lekas	Regional Administrator
Brenda Lewis	Regional Administrator
Carl Mead	Regional Administrator
Ralph Riden	Regional Administrator
Dick Steinbrugge	Executive Administrator for Facilities
Will Flores	Vose Elementary
Linda Hall	Cedar Park Middle School
Margit Lamey	West Tualatin View Elementary School
Ken Day	Five Oaks Middle School
Susan Harvey	Westview High School
Karen Burch	Information and Technology

Visitors: 60

Media: 2

Budget Committee Chair Brett Baker welcomed all to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

WELCOME AND OPENING
REMARKS

Superintendent Colonna welcomed all to the meeting and spoke to the following topics:

INTRODUCTORY
COMMENTS

- Kaiser Permanente and BSD will partner to provide free healthcare coverage to 300 needy students in the district.
- Nike pledged to support the District at the same level as this year. Pledging \$600,000 even though they are in the process of laying off 500 employees.
- The District is working hard and positively with BEA and is having productive negotiation sessions.

- BSD will not be forced to participate in the OEBC insurance plan in the next year.

Superintendent Colonna reviewed the Joint Ways & Means Co-Chairs' Budget Proposal handout.

At the projection levels, the District would receive 48.33% in the first year and 51.7% in the second year of the biennium. This scenario would reduce \$2 million from the District budget in the first year of the biennium.

Superintendent Colonna spoke to why he believes the 6.0 billion level is so important to the District:

- The legislators with whom the District has been working (Senators Mark Haas, Susan Bonamicci, and Representatives Jeff Barker and Tobias Reed) have been working hard to bring the state budget levels to the \$6.0 billion funding level.
- If the state funds at \$6.0 billion, it would increase the District's ending fund balance by \$1.6 million, which would allow us to bring the ending fund balance in compliance with Board Policy.
- Funding at the \$6.0 billion level would help the District minimize staffing reductions.

Hanna Vaandering - Beaverton Education Association (BEA) President - spoke to the following:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Membership is sharing negative perceptions about the BEA leadership.
- BEA is dedicated to providing quality education, balanced curriculum, preserving jobs and to protecting the collective bargaining agreement between the District and BEA.
- Staffing ratios and what it will look like in the schools.

John Burns, parent, presented information about his interpretation of the District's current budget situation.

Karen Murphy - advocated for the Spanish two-way immersion in the District.

Parent Bonnie Modus asked the committee what can be done to keep programs going at the schools - what can parents do to support the schools?

Sunset High School staff member, Monica Jankow, advocated for the journalism survey class at her School.

Superintendent Colonna referenced an enrollment projections handout and noted that the current budget situation will require the District to reduce staff by 22 staff members throughout the District.

Parent Heather Leeson advocated for the Spanish two-way immersion programs in the District.

Georgina Vargas, parent, advocated for the Spanish two-way immersion programs at Vose Elementary. She represents the pre-k parents at her school.

The minutes from the May 12, 2009 meeting were approved with no changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Superintendent Colonna reviewed the Joint Ways and Means Co-Chairs' Budget Proposal.

JOINT WAYS AND MEANS
CO-CHAIRS' BUDGET
PROPOSAL

Chief Financial Officer Claire Hertz reviewed the Beaverton School District State School Fund Revenue Adjustment handout.

- Hertz highlighted an adjustment to the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,385,000.

Hertz presented information about the possibility of implementing a zero-based budgeting program for the 2010-11 budget process.

ZERO-BASED BUDGETING

The Committee asked the following clarifying questions, to which staff provided answers.

- Would the money reserved for the zero based budgeting be better spent on a budget audit?
- What types of budgeting processes are we considering?

Hertz reviewed the most recent General Fund Budget Adjustments for 2009-10, the Reconciliation from Proposed Budget to Recommended Approved Budget and the Adjustments to the 2009-10 Proposed Budget Document.

CHANGES FROM
PROPOSED TO APPROVED
BUDGET

Hertz presented information about the changes from the proposed budget to the budget being brought forth for approval.

The Committee asked the following clarifying questions, to which staff provided answers.

- What is the special purpose fund?
- Will the \$400,000 increase in Capital Center be offset by having positions elsewhere?
- Where did the Federal Stimulus Funding go?
- Have the instructional coaches been eliminated from the budget?
- Why has the employee attrition amount dropped by \$1,000,000?
- What accounts for the reduction in the School Non-salary reduction amounts?
- Are there recommendations for TAG spending in the budget?
- What are the 8 administrator positions being reduced?
- Are grant funded positions going to go away after the grant monies go away?
- Will the grant funded positions be temporary positions?
- If approved, how will the open ended budget be administered?
- Where did the change in reducing extended contract days come from?
- What happens to two-way immersion teachers in reductions?
- How do legal staffing issues affect our two-way immersion programs?
- Are the grant positions being filled internally?
- How will staff development take place when funding for substitutes and development time has been reduced or frozen?
- Will teachers be required to give up plan time to receive staff development instruction?
- What will the support for technology look like next year?

Baker led the discussion about the budget document. Cheri McDevitt moved to approve the 2009-10 budget and tax rates as presented to the committee. The motion was seconded by Dave Bouchard. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION & APPROVAL
OF BUDGET DOCUMENT
& TAX RATES

Baker asked if there were other items for discussion.

OTHER ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION

- Lisa Shultz - thanked everybody and commented that this budget represents a lot of change and sacrifice in the District.
- Kim Overhage - thanked the legislature and thanked the committee for keeping the focus on the kids.
- Jeff Hicks - can't wait until next year, he believes it is unfortunate that our instructional coaches are gone.
- Mark Schick - thanked staff for their hard work.
- Craig Irwin - looks forward to next year at this time. It has been a pleasure working with the Committee. Thanked staff for their work.
- Dave Bouchard - impressed with the way the Committee and staff worked through this process without getting bogged down.
- Karen Cunningham - please keep pointing out to people what we're losing with this budget because our community needs to know that this is not painless.
- Cameron Irtifa - thanked staff for their work.
- Cheri McDevitt - thanked staff for their work. It is an honor to do the work on the Budget Committee. McDevitt noted that this year we had some very impressive public comment; she echoed Karen Cunningham's comment and thanked the principals who served on the Committee. She also thanked Baker for his leadership this year.
- Tom Quillin - Thanked Claire Hertz, and Dave Bouchard for their work. Echoed Karen Cunningham's comments.
- Sarah Smith - Thanked legislators and staff for their work. Echoed comments from other committee members.
- Christy Clasey - Thanked staff for their work. Was thankful that the community was involved. Would like to see the Budget Committee involved in the next evolution of the budget process.
- Mary VanderWeele - Thanked staff for their work. Thanked Jerry and the business staff for getting information to the committee so quickly. She appreciated the spirit of cooperation among staff and leaders. She also thanked certified staff. Happy that full-day kindergarten is unfolding. Thankful for public input. Thanked Cheri and Brett for their leadership.
- Margit Lamey - Echoed Mary's comments. Thanked the entire group who served on the committee.
- Sue Harvey - Thankful for the opportunity to be on the Committee.
- Ken Day - This process has been an eye-opener. Ken appreciates the Friday meetings where the District presented up to date financial and budget information.
- Karen Burch - passed
- Linda Hall - spoke on behalf of the principals and appreciates the process, appreciates that the community was heard.
- Brett Baker - thanked Cheri McDevitt, thanked the Budget Committee, and thanked the administration for their honesty and their hard work. Thanked the community for their input throughout the process.
- Superintendent Colonna - publicly acknowledged and thanked Representative Harker and thanked him for joining us tonight. Echoed all the thanks to the committee.

Superintendent Colonna noted that in January we said that there has never been a challenge as difficult as this. The biggest challenge of all is whether we can come out stronger when this financial challenge is gone. Can we provide better for our students, for our staff and do better by our community?

CLOSING REMARKS

We have met the challenge of building the budget to the best of our ability.
Thank you all for your hard work; it is an honor to serve the District.

Baker thanked everyone for their work and adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.

Brett Baker
Budget Committee Chair

Jennifer Bridgewater
Recording Secretary