

**Unofficial
Morrow County School District
Budget Committee Minutes
May 11, 2009**

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Budget Committee meeting of May 11, 2009, held at the library at Irrigon High School in Irrigon, OR.

BOARD/BUDGET MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Miles, Bill Kuhn, Daniel Daltoso, Barney Lindsay, Nancy VanderDoes, Pat McNamee, Berto Hernandez, Lisanne Currin, Rita Van Schoiack, Greg Barron, Nicole Mahoney, Dean Mason and Suzi Frederickson.

BOARD/BUDGET MEMBERS ABSENT: Keith Lewis

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Burrows, Julie Ashbeck, Phyllis Danielson and Rhonda Lorenz.

OTHERS PRESENT: n/a

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Lisanne Currin called the budget committee meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. at the library at Irrigon High School in Irrigon, OR. The flag was saluted and a quorum established.

Introductions: Introductions were made and new committee member Suzi Frederickson was welcomed.

Election of Officers

The first order of business was to elect a chairman and vice chairman.

Motion:	Dean Mason nominated Greg Barron as Chairman; Pat McNamee seconded the motion. With no other nominations for Chairman the following vote was taken:
Ayes:	Miles, Kuhn, VanderDoes, McNamee, Hernandez, Daltoso, Lindsay, Currin, Frederickson, Mahoney, VanSchoiack, Mason.
Noes:	n/a
Abstentions:	Barron
Greg Barron was elected as Chairman	

Motion:	Dean Mason made a motion to nominate Suzi frederickson for Vice Chairman; Bill Kuhn seconded the motion. With no other nominations for Vice Chairman the following vote was taken:
Ayes:	Kuhn, Miles, Daltoso, Lindsay, VanderDoes, McNamee, Hernandez, Mahoney, VanSchoiack, Currin, and Mason
Noes:	n/a
Abstentions:	Frederickson
Suzi Frederickson was elected as Vice Chairman	

Budget Message and Comments: Since the last meeting did not have a quorum, Superintendent Burrows reviewed his Budget Message for all in attendance. He explained what impact the current recession is having on school districts and voiced concern with the state's loss of over \$4 billion in expected revenue. He reported that the Governor has asked districts to "prepare for the worst" in budgeting. Mr. Burrows then presented the group with 4 different spending plans – two based on funding at \$5.4 billion with and without the levy passing; and two based on funding at \$5.6 billion with and without the levy passing.

Several Budget Committee members reported on what they were hearing in their respective communities about the passage of the 3 year serial levy. Most seemed favorable.

Questions were asked about the equipment transfer of \$250K; the inter-fund transfer of \$1 million; setting aside money for a 6% PERS increase in 2010-11; retro-fit of HVAC at Riverside High School; funding from the windmill projects.

Mr. Burrows also reported that the district is currently negotiating with teachers and has met with all employee groups to ask for a wage and salary freeze. Also discussed cutting hours, furloughing staff on non-student days and the possibility of having to cut some student days.

Approval of Budget to Board for Budget Hearing

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to approve the permanent tax rate in the amount of \$4.0342 per \$1000 of assessed value, and the general fund in the amount of \$18,675,041 for operating purposes for the 2009-10 fiscal year; to approve the local option levy rate of \$1.00 per \$1000 of assessed value for the general fund in the 2009-10 fiscal year; to approve Fund 301 Debt Service in the amount of \$2,168,633 with a tax levy in the amount of \$1,351,193; to approve all other funds in the total amount of \$7,894,865.
Ayes	Kuhn, Miles, Daltoso, Lindsay, VanderDoes, McNamee, Hernandez, Mahoney, VanSchoiack, Currin, Frederickson, Barron and Mason.
Noes	none
Motion passed	

Chairman Barron adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m..

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Secretary

Greg Barron, Chairman of the Budget Committee