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Budget Committee Meeting #2 – 5/27/20

The Three Rivers School District Budget Committee met for their second 2019-2020 budget meeting, virtually, at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

Budget Committee Met

Members Present:

Kate Dwyer, Board Member
Paul Kelly, Board Member
Danny York, Board Member
Rich Halsted, Board Chairperson
Jack Dwyer, Budget Committee Member
Kevin Marr, Budget Committee Member
Jennifer Vetter, Budget Committee Member
Brian Mockridge, Budget Committee Member

Present

Members Absent:

Jennifer Johnstun, Board Vice-Chair Thomas Davis, Budget Committee Member Absent

Also Present: Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent; Jessica Durrant, Director of Teaching & Learning; Stephanie Allen, Director of Special Education; Casey Alderson, Director of Secondary Education; Rob Saunders, Administrator Technology & Support Services; Lisa Cross, Accounting.

Also Present

Budget Chair Kevin Marr called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

Budget Chair Marr asked for a verbal roll call.

Roll Call

Budget Chair Marr called for approval of the 5/20/20 meeting minutes. Budget Member Jack Dwyer moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Board Member Paul Kelly; motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Lisa Cross, Accounting Manager stated she received one question concerning the district librarian position. She stated the current district librarian resigned in April of 2020 and the position was not filled. In addition, she was asked if there was a state requirement to have a certified librarian on staff. Per Division 22 standards (OAR 581-022) there is no requirement for a certified position. Board Member Kate Dwyer noted her concerns for compliance with the district Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP). Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent explained the difficulty in finding librarian's with the appropriate licensure. He added the CIP plan was for the inclusion of a library program and the Southern Oregon ESD would provide a district liaison. Kate Dwyer requested this item officially be included in future discussions with the Board of Directors for possible inclusion in the budget.

Requests for Information

Budget Member Jack Dwyer asked for clarification about the General Fund tiered reductions, Second tier, Line item 1. He noted the priority of saving staff. Superintendent confirmed the desire to gain savings from attrition first before looking at any other options. Budget Member Dwyer then asked for clarification on tiered reductions in the SIA fund. Lisa Cross stated that the fund would have to be reduced more than 85% before it affected current staff already hired.

Additional Requests for Information

Lisa Cross, Accounting Manager noted there had been no further funding information from the State, only a clarification of the range of possible reductions for Three Rivers School District, General Fund.

Additional Information

Superintendent Valenzuela talked about the process during this time. His advice to the Budget Committee, with so many questions still unanswered, is to make sure the Proposed Budget represents the district's values and goals for students and secondly, to make sure the tiered reductions fall in line with those values as well.

Lisa Cross stated there were no community comments received.

Community Comments

Budget Member Dwyer moved to approve the Proposed Budget presented with no changes, and approve taxes for the 2020-2021 fiscal year at the rate of \$3.7262 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes, and in the amount of \$2,340,213 for payment of bond principal and interest. Motion was seconded by Board Member Danny York. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Approve Proposed Budget

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Cross Recording Secretary