



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: June 3, 2014

TITLE: Study and Approval of the Proposed Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

BACKGROUND:

The State of Arizona requires governing boards to formally approve and adopt a proposed operating budget for the school district. The final enrollment numbers from the Arizona Department of Education have not been issued. The District anticipates that the Average Daily Membership (ADM) will drop by 97 students to 13,524.

Therefore, the proposed budget represents an estimate and the budget may require a revision in September. The significant changes in budget are listed below:

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The property tax rates have increased to reflect the decline in property values. The exact impact to individual property owners will be determined by how their property values changed relative to the state average. Property that held its value better than the state average could see a slight increase in their property taxes. Overall, any changes to property tax bills should be small

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The Career Ladder budget has been reduced by fifty percent. The 2014-2015 fiscal year will be the final year for this program.

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A slight decrease to Proposition 301 revenues is projected. This budget anticipates collection of \$4,570,500 which is significantly lower than the peak collection of \$7,754,546 in fiscal year 2007-2008. Hopefully, the sale tax increases will continue into future years.

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The Unrestricted Capital budget assumes a \$3,930,919 budget reduction from the Legislature. The actual number will not be finalized until May of 2015. It is important to note that the Unrestricted Capital funding formula should be \$6,600,147 rather than the \$2,669,228 available after the Legislative reduction.

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The Building Renewal budget assumes no funding from the Legislature.

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The Federal Grants budget has been lowered to reflect decreased budget carry forwards.

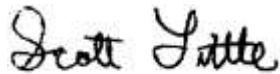
The Building Renewal Grant amount has been increased to reflect the potential funding from the School Facilities Board.

The Adjacent Ways Fund (Other Funds – Line 28) will continue the \$324,000 levy implanted in the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The net impact on the tax bill should be zero. However, this increase requires a Truth in Taxation Notice and Hearing. The Truth in Taxation Notice is scheduled to appear in the Arizona Daily Star on June 19 and the Truth in Taxation Hearing will be prior to the Budget Adoption on July 1st.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Governing Board approves this proposed budget and direct that a summary of the budget be published. It is also recommended that the Governing Board schedule a public hearing on the proposed budget immediately prior to the adoption at the scheduled board meeting on July 1, 2014.

INITIATED BY:



Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 27, 2014



Patrick Nelson, Superintendent