

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

5/9/2017

Budget Committee Meeting #1 – 5/9/2017

The Three Rivers School District Budget Committee met for their 2017-2018 organizational meeting in the school district board room at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday May 9, 2017, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Oregon 97527.

**Budget
Committee
Met**

Members Present:

Danny York, Board Chairperson
Kara Olmo, Board Member
Thomas Davis, Budget Committee Member
Jack Dwyer, Budget Committee Member
Kate Dwyer, Board Vice-Chair
Rich Halstead, Budget Committee Member
Ron Lengwin, Board Member
Andreas Goldner, Budget Committee Member
Kevin Marr, Budget Committee Member

Present

Members Absent:

Paul Kelly, Board Member

Absent

Also Present: Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent; Casey Alderson, Director of Secondary Education; Jessica Durrant, Director of Teaching & Learning; Phil Long; Mark Higgins, Administrator; and Lori Connor, Administrator;

Also Present

Board Chair Danny York called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

Board Chair York called for a nomination for the Budget Committee Chairperson. Budget Member Jack Dwyer nominated Kevin Marr, the motion was seconded by Board Member Ron Lengwin. Motion passed unanimously.

**Election of
Chairperson**

Budget Chairperson Marr called for a nomination of the Budget Committee Vice Chair. Board Member Kate Dwyer nominated Jack Dwyer, motion was seconded by Budget Chair Marr. The motion passed unanimously.

**Election of
Vice Chair**

Dave Valenzuela delivered the budget message as submitted in the Proposed Budget. Superintendent Valenzuela noted the assumptions that made up the Proposed Budget which contained the Governor's projected K-12 budget of \$8.0159 billion. He then identified the impact this budget would have on educational programs including an elimination of 5 instructional days, 2.0 FTE reduction, and discretionary budgets reduced by 10%. Superintendent Valenzuela stated the principal reason for reductions was due to PERS rates increasing in excess of 5% of all salaries.

**Budget
Message**

Budget committee members asked questions which included: what comprises the \$150,000 cost per day; savings for snow days; where the reductions are coming from; PERS liabilities; discretionary budgets; library books; and utility usage.

Questions

District Accountant Lisa Cross presented a budget overview itemizing revenues and resources and the different state funding levels being reported: \$7.8 Billion, \$8.01 Billion, and \$8.4 Billion. Ms. Cross provided an overview of the PERS rates increases which average 5.6% of salaries, or \$1,075,000. She then reported on Senate Bills and Measures currently being discussed in the legislature. Director Casey Alderson explained the process for Measure 98 funds that will be provided for improved high school graduation. Director Jessica Durrant noted Measure 99 funds identified for 6th grade outdoor school will be coordinated by the Oregon State University extension service.

Additional Information

Board Vice-Chair Kate Dwyer asked for clarification on Special Revenue fund raising amounts. Budget Chair Marr asked about any changes in the transportation formula and contracting student transportation. Budget Vice-Chair Jack Dwyer asked about the increase in classified salaries. Board Member Ron Lengwin asked about utility usage.

Committee Questions

Budget Chair Marr added he is in support of co-curricular salaries for every position outside of the classroom. Discussion continued of which positions are currently being paid and how to acknowledge unpaid coaches.

Committee Comments

Board Member Kara Olmo would like to see a district-wide donation mechanism to support donations from the community.

Board Vice-Chair Kate Dwyer identified some areas where certain investments could help the district: volunteer coordinator, grant writer, and a development director.

There were no public comments.

Public Comment

Discussion followed on the best way to proceed with this budget. Budget Member Davis noted if the actual amounts determined by the state were \$1,000,000 more than what had been proposed, he felt the reductions should be reinstated. Budget Chair York stated that if additional funding came in over and above what was needed to restore the services that were eliminated in this budget, a committee could be formed so members could come back and provide input for use of those additional funds.

Additional Comments

Motion

Board Member Olmo moved to approve the Proposed Budget and approve taxes for the 2017-18 fiscal year at the rate of \$3.7262 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes, and in the amount of \$2,301,414 for payment of bond principal and interest. Board Vice-Chair Kate Dwyer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Cross
Recording Secretary