

Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting

Budget Committee and Board Approved _____

Corbett School District

A virtual Budget Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Corbett School District was held Wednesday, May 11, 2022, beginning at 7:00 PM via ZOOM. Board Members present in virtual were Bob Buttke, Michelle Vo (in at 7:04 p.m.), Rebecca Bratton (in at 7:04 p.m.), David Granberg, Todd Redfern and Todd Mickalson. Katey Kinnear had an excused absence. Budget Committee members present in virtual were Dirk Iwata-Reuyl; Stephanie Nystrom; Stuart Childs; Ben Byers; Rebecca Stewart, Vice Presiding Officer and Brad Garrett, Presiding Officer (in at 7:04 p.m.). Also present in virtual were Dan Wold, Interim Superintendent; Cindy Duley, Business Manager; Brie Windust, Business Office Assistant/ZOOM Moderator and Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk/HR Lead. NOTE: The minutes are prepared to coincide with time scheduled matters and the numbering system of the agenda and is not necessarily the actual order of happenings at the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Presenter: Rebecca Stewart, Vice-Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Nine participants online at the meeting.g

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

Presenter: Rebecca Stewart, Vice-Presiding Officer noted approval of the agenda.

Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley noted updated pages to the agenda packet emailed about 1 hour prior to the meeting. (emailed from Mr. Wold at 4:55 p.m.)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presenter: Brad Garrett, Presiding Officer

Description: Budget Committee Meeting May 4, 2022

Attachments: (2)

Dirk Iwata-Reuyl moved and Bob Buttke seconded the approval of the Budget Committee Meeting minutes of May 4, 2022. All in favor except that David Granberg abstained.

4. BUDGET REVIEW

Presenter: Dan Wold, Interim Superintendent and Cindy Duley, Business Manager

Attachments: (1)

Management recommended changes in Funds from the Proposed document are now in the Proposed Amended Budget. Changes are made to Federal Funds, SIA (Student Investment Account), GF (General Fund), and the G.O. Bond Fund. A campus monitor and P.E. teacher are proposed for hiring. Ms. Duley went over questions received since last Budget Committee meeting and noted that TSCC has given an extension until May 20. Michelle Vo had asked about the tying in of EFB on old page 36 of Proposed Proposed Amended Budget for all Funds, was an Excel spreadsheet issue. Now \$1,526,150.00. See updated page 29 for the Combined Fund Summary of all Funds.

Bob Buttke had suggested new verbiage on page 55 of the document to be "financed property purchase" instead of "received a loan". Question regarding what percentage of operating RV was 11.1%. The construction fund is spread over several Funds on updated page 29; Fund 09 \$520,000, and Fund 01, \$2,253, 074 and part of Fund 10, about \$4 million from original Full, Faith and Credit loan. Total equal \$6,773,074 in Bond projects. Important to spend out in all of those Funds during the project and give ourselves ability to do so.

Question had come from David Granberg if Mr. Wold was happy with resolution and for explanation to public. The amount was updated on page 27 which approves budgetary expenditures under 7.1 and 7.2 allows us to go to Assessor to get it on the tax rolls. The rate is established by law and doesn't change unless we seek new tax levy. The second part is the G.O. Bond debt schedule fixed amount. May change for uncollected taxes, now using 12.5%. Total Requirements tied to document and total Resources on new updated page 30 and new updated page 9, which tied to old page 7. 21 participants in the meeting at this time.

Mr. Wold suggested that we do not qualify for small high school adjustment (if we divided into two schools, but didn't in 2009-10) but are right on the cusp, or remote elementary school correction (CAPS is eight miles from nearest school west) on page 19.

Brad Garrett asked about if we could get small high school adjustment, how much would it be.

Mr. Wold said the difference is 20% on 350-321(now enrolled) = 29 kids at \$9500 + 20% = \$1900 or about \$60,000. That is half a teacher or one aide.

5. BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Presenter: Brad Garrett, Presiding Officer

Stephanie Nystrom commented that she just became aware of email from about an hour ago, so helpful to share screen. What was thought on that?

Ms. Duley explained that page 29 compared to Friday's documents.

Dirk Iwata-Reuyl asked about the extent of grant funds used compared to non-grant funds.

Mr. Wold suggested how do we keep our EFB at same balance with decreased enrollment because of grant funds: bringing counselor from MESD, while we hope to get Campus monitor and P.E. Teacher, and replace music teacher. If get Small School Funding, we could get lobbyist regarding unintentional harm for Charter school when grants are not picked up. There is talk from State that we are in good shape for ESSER grant pick up. However, if we can hire generalists, we are always in better shape. There is always attrition and we control our enrollment. We've done in two to three years what we thought would take 10.

Dirk Iwata-Reuyl asked about SIA not counted as grant.

Mr. Wold explained that we have applied, and it is not competitive. Based on stakeholder interest.

Ms. Duley added that SIA should be continued dollars.

Bob Buttke asked what had changed on page 27.

Ms. Duley explained it is clean up from original. EFB \$150,000.00 from GF was in balance but Projected Actuals were YTD and there was a lot more coming in yet. Those additional RV equals additional XP in management recommended changes.

Bob Buttke suggested all positions except P.E. and Campus monitor.

Ms. Duley said those are committee recommended changes.

Bob Buttke asked about 5% carryover on page 29 and page 9 (old page 7).

Ms. Duley explained that is the floor on GFOA recommended rate and where we were at prior.

Michelle Vo compared prior year EFB \$4.4 million, 2.3 million Bond stuff, so true EFB \$1.9 million. Now EFB down to 1.5 million, so over expending by \$400,000. This is 11% and can't do again next year, since we are spending more than we are bringing in next year, path in wrong direction, need to look at it.

Budget/Board regarding explanation/discussion regarding \$1.1-\$1.5 one year may not be on an established pathway.

Dirk Iwata-Reuyl said funding with uncertain future grants, but we're always in this position. Spend on kids now, but would be concerned if continued shrinking, some positions may have to go away. Cognizant, but it goes with the territory.

22 participants in the meeting at this time.

Bob Buttke agreed with Ms. Vo. Hopeful for new funding efforts and ideas from Dr. Fialkiewicz in the future. Can't always count on State funding. If two years in a row for over expending, then in a hole.

Brad Garrett expressed he is OK with keeping staff and students safer and likes idea to have three music teachers and .5 P.E. teacher if we can find a way.

Rebecca Stewart agrees with the athletic acumen and for balance of time for teachers at middle school teaching P.E. to put towards something else like curriculum. Grant money is not sustainable.

Rebecca Bratton agreed, option to shift P.E. to improve school rather than bringing in another teacher could be bettering the environment.

Michelle Vo said people will help make better environment than building improvement.

6. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Presenter: Brad Garrett, Presiding Officer

No audience comments tonight.

7. Approval/Recommendations Action Item

Presenter: Budget Committee

Attachments: (1)

7.1 Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley and Brad Garrett explained updated attachment page 27.

Ben Byers moved and summarized total approved budget in dollars of \$25,161,706.00 from updated page 27 and Bob Buttke seconded.

The vote of the Budget/Board was 11 – 1; Rebecca Bratton opposed.

7.2 Ben Byers moved and Bob Buttke seconded Approval of the Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate and Levy Amount from updated page 27 and Bob Buttke seconded.

The vote of the Budget/Board was 11-1; Rebecca Bratton opposed.

8. Next meeting(s) of the Budget Committee

Presenter: Brad Garrett, Presiding Officer, announced recommended budget meeting timeline.

June 15, 2022 - Public Hearing on the Budget, 7:00 p.m. Multi-Purpose Building / Board Room - in person / and OWL ZOOM – Hybrid

9. Adjournment

Presenter: Presiding Officer, Brad Garrett thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.