



OFFICIAL MINUTES: May 1, 2013, Budget Committee Organizational Meeting

PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
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Budget Committee Meeting
District No. 3, Multnomah County, Oregon
Wednesday, May 1, 2013

MINUTES

The District Budget Committee of School District No. 3, Multnomah County, Oregon, convened at the Parkrose School District, Administration Office in the said District, County, and State at the hour of 7:00 p.m. on the date hereinabove shown.

1. Call to Order – Budget Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

School Board Vice Chair Ed Grassel called the Budget Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Members present were: Alesia Reese, Earle DeKay, Aimee Horton, Ed Grassel, Thuy Tran, Katie Larsell, John DiPasquale, Dave Carter and David Horton. James Woods was absent.

Others in attendance: Superintendent Dr. Karen Fischer Gray, Director of Business Services Mary Larson, District Administrators, Accountant Chris Gibb and Budget Committee Secretary Becky Nino.

2. Welcome and Introductions – Karen Gray

Superintendent Gray welcomed everyone. Self-introductions were made.

3. Election of Budget Committee Officers

A. Elect Chair

School Board Vice Chair Ed Grassel called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Budget Committee for 2012-2013.

David Horton nominated Alesia Reese to Chair the Budget Committee. There were no other nominations. A vote was held. Alesia Reese was elected to Chair the 2012-2013 Budget Committee in accordance with ORS 294.336(8). The vote was unanimous.

B. Elect Vice Chair

Budget Committee Chair Alesia Reese called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Budget Committee for 2012-2013.

Ed Grassel nominated Katie Larsell for Vice Chair of the Budget Committee for 2012-2013 in accordance with ORS 294.336(8). There were no other nominations. By a unanimous vote, Katie Larsell was elected Vice Chair of the Budget Committee.

C. Appoint Secretary

The committee recognized the appointment of Becky Nino as Secretary of the Budget Committee.

Budget Committee Chair Reese turned the meeting over to Superintendent, Dr. Karen Fischer Gray.

4. Budget Message – Superintendent, Dr. Karen Fischer Gray

In accordance with ORS 204.40-1(1), Superintendent Gray presented the 2013-2014 Budget Message. Below is a summary of items presented:

- Another Year of Budget Shortfall

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- History
- State Funding & Revenues
- Expenditures
- Current Educational Programs – Outside General Fund
- Future and Vision

Superintendent Gray reminded everyone of our Mission and Vision: Every student in the Parkrose School District achieves high levels of reading and thinking skills so as to ensure that every student graduates our high school, college and career ready for success. She stated to that end, we will continue to work hard to build a culture of equity for all ethnicities, races and genders and to demonstrate the highest standards in quality teaching and learning that a district can attain. We will strive to eliminate the achievement gap in Parkrose School District.

The complete budget message can be found on the website at: www.parkrose.k12.or.us

5. Parkrose School District Information – Mary Larson

Director of Business Services & Operations, Mary Larson began her presentation by focusing on the General Fund. She presented detailed budget information regarding the following:

- Proposed General Fund Budget for 2013-2014 of \$28,608,045
- Declining General Fund Revenue - Historical Information
- Proposed Budgeted Expenditures for 2013-2014 by School
- Contingency & Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance Usage: Reserves have been depleted.
- Food Service Fund – Ending Fund Balance & Contingency
- Targeted Chart – Board Priorities & Goals: Ms. Larson presented the chart reviewed by the school board for district prioritization and goals.
- City of Portland Arts Tax: Ms. Larson stated that legal issues regarding the tax have arisen. The district has budgeted for the tax to add elementary music teachers but will not be hiring those positions at this point. If the tax is not collected and distributed, there is no cushion to absorb the increased expense.

Presentation materials can be found on the website at: www.parkrose.k12.or.us

Chair Reese thanked Ms. Larson for her presentation.

6. Budget Committee Discussion – Alesia Reese, Budget Committee Chair

Chair Reese called for budget committee discussion and reviewed the process for submitting questions for the next meeting.

At this point, at the request of Board Chair, James Woods and Board Vice Chair, Ed Grassel, Superintendent Gray distributed information regarding the thinking around the proposed budget reductions. She read “The following are possible choices the Budget Committee should consider in mitigating the budget shortfall in Parkrose School District. These will be discussed at the Budget Committee meetings. Listed here are reductions the Parkrose District Level Administrative Staff have proposed as the Budget reductions. You will see the details of what those reductions affect at different levels of reduction implementation.” Items include:

- Reduction in Extra Duty K-12
- Reduction in Athletics Grades 6-12
- Taking of the Indirect Administrative Cost to all Title Programs
- Full Day Kindergarten
- Other Information to Consider: Reducing Teachers and Effect on the Class Size/Student Performance

Chair Reese requested comments and questions from the budget committee.

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Ed Grassel confirmed that the PERS calculation was based on recently passed legislation.

David Horton acknowledged the lack of ending fund balance in the food service fund and asked about the impact of breakfast in the classroom costs to the fund. Ms. Larson responded that it is early to tell because of the recent implementations, but indications look like the program is cost neutral to the fund. Mr. Horton asked about improving the quality of food. Ms. Larson replied the district is always looking at food quality.

Katie Larsell asked if the district received proportionate funds from the City of Portland to Portland Public Schools. Ms. Larson stated that the bridge funding from City of Portland was proportional to what Portland Public received and those one time funds have been expended. Ms. Larsell will submit additional questions for the next meeting.

John DiPasquale had questions regarding funding and the relation to Average Daily Membership Weighted (ADMw). He asked if there was a lag in funding from the state. Ms. Larson said that there is not as much lag in recent years but funding is reviewed and adjusted for the prior year, current year and next year, every quarter.

Aimee Horton inquired if the district could financially support full day kindergarten. She suggested that families be asked if they prefer full day to half day. She also proposed that half day kindergarten be offered for the first half of the school year and full day the second half to reduce costs.

Dave Carter questioned if the district was receiving all possible federal grants. Ms. Larson said that if the federal grant fits our needs, we do it. She also mentioned that the federal Title programs will likely decrease for next year.

Thuy Tran commented that cutting school days is balancing the budget on the backs of students and teachers. She added her concern about declining enrollment and the possibility of consolidating elementary schools, stating it would be more efficient. She commented that the district needed to add resources.

Mr. Horton suggested that the district create programs that would draw students to the district such as an academy program, magnet school or charter school.

Chair Reese had questions regarding Multnomah Education Service District and Community Center Fund that she will submit for the next meeting.

7. OSEA Comments

Richard Doyle, OSEA President, addressed the budget committee with concerns about the impacts of reducing hours and benefits to employees. He thanked Superintendent Dr. Karen Fischer Gray, Mary Larson and the Board for their work on difficult tasks. He said that the majority of employees he represents are in financial limbo. Trained qualified staff members are leaving Parkrose for other jobs and they are employees who have direct contact with students. He added that the cuts may be short term but the impacts linger long after.

8. PFA Comments

Jennifer Handsaker, PFA President, said that she does not envy staff, budget committee or the superintendent but most of all the staff of Parkrose. She stated that the administration, teachers, classified staff are all working tirelessly to produce college and career ready students. She added there are good things going on in the district with Parkrose Middle School becoming an AVID demonstration site along with board and state goals being met but something's got to give. Additional reductions will affect students with larger class sizes and shorter school year. She reminded everyone to write their legislators and announced a town hall meeting on Monday, May 6, 2013 in the Parkrose High School Library. She stated "the current reality is less with less".

9. Audience Time/Citizen Comments – Alesia Reese, Budget Committee Chair

Rebecca Yacapin: Ms. Yacapin, Teacher at Shaver School, asked the budget committee to please consider the long term effects of the budget and added that it takes a community to grow a child. She spoke of the

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lack of support she receives in her classroom and the difficulties in keeping current on her licensure and professional development. She reminded the committee that these decisions affect the “little people” who will eventually become future leaders and asked what the future will look like without education and good teachers.

10. Summary of Meeting – Alesia Reese, Budget Committee Chair

Chair Reese briefly reviewed this evening’s presentation and thanked the administration and committee for a successful meeting. Questions from the committee should be submitted to Superintendent Gray.

11. Resolution to Approve 2013-14 All Funds

This agenda item was postponed to the next meeting.

12. Future Meetings

1. Budget Committee Meeting, May 8, 2013, District Office Boardroom, 7:00 p.m.
2. Optional Budget Committee Meeting, May 15, 2013, District Office Boardroom, 7:00 p.m.
3. Budget Hearing, May 29, 2013, District Office Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Chair Reese adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.