

Budget Committee Meeting, Official Minutes – May 6, 2009



PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
 10636 N.E. Prescott Street
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Budget Committee Meeting
District No. 3, Multnomah County, Oregon
Wednesday, May 6, 2009

M I N U T E S

<p>THE BUDGET MEETING WAS CONVENED</p>	<p><u>CALL MEETING TO ORDER – JAMES WOODS, BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR</u> 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.</p> <p>The second Budget Committee Meeting of the year was called to order by Budget Committee Chair, James Woods, at 7:02 p.m. Chair Woods welcomed all who were present.</p> <p><u>PRESENT:</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>James Woods</td> <td>Dawn Evans</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ed Grassel (arrived 7:10 pm)</td> <td>Adair Fernee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Katie Larsell (arrived 7:15 pm)</td> <td>Ruby Falbo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Guy Crawford</td> <td>Jim MacBean</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Rod Martin</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>ABSENT:</u> Alesia Reese</p> <p>Ms. Reese was unable to attend due to a previous commitment.</p> <p>Others in attendance: Superintendent Karen Fischer Gray, Director of Business Services Mary Larson, District Administrators, Parkrose Faculty Association Representatives and Budget Committee Secretary Becky Nino.</p>	James Woods	Dawn Evans	Ed Grassel (arrived 7:10 pm)	Adair Fernee	Katie Larsell (arrived 7:15 pm)	Ruby Falbo	Guy Crawford	Jim MacBean		Rod Martin
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<p>4-29-09 MINUTES APPROVED</p>	<p><u>APPROVE MINUTES OF 4-29-09 – JAMES WOODS</u> Chair Woods called for the motion to approve the minutes from April 29, 2009 budget meeting. WOODS/GRASSEL moved to approve the April 29, 2009 minutes. Chair Woods called for discussion. Jim MacBean asked that it be noted that his late arrival last meeting was due to poor communication. The motion to approve the minutes with note above passed unanimously.</p>										
<p>PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION</p>	<p><u>PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION – MARY LARSON</u> Mary Larson responded to the questions from the last budget committee meeting. She presented information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction excise tax revenue • Capital Projects Fund & Thompson Fund – Project lists for 2009-2010 • Leased buildings – net cash flow • Fund transfers <p>The committee discussed the above issues at length.</p>										
<p>SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTIONS</p>	<p><u>SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTIONS - MARY LARSON</u> Superintendent Karen Fischer Gray began this portion of the meeting. She took the opportunity to compare sustainability charts distributed at last years’ budget committee meeting with the current sustainability model. She compared the estimates side by side and demonstrated the interaction between ending fund balance and beginning fund balance.</p> <p>Superintendent Gray reviewed the actions taken to reduce the budget as reductions in revenues continued to come in over the last few months. All attempts were made to keep the</p>										

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	cuts as far away from the classroom as possible.
BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION	<p><u>BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – JAMES WOODS</u> Chair Woods asked for budget committee discussion. The budget committee spoke on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfers to General Fund from other funds • Revenue projections • Operation of pool • Sale of property • Implications of transferring money from other funds to general fund
PFA COMMENTS	<p><u>PARKROSE FACULTY ASSOCIATION COMMENTS</u> <u>Bob Pratt:</u> Mr. Pratt read a prepared statement to the budget committee. A summary of points made in the statement follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confident that district is trying to make best decisions for all • Parkrose Faculty Association (PFA) members polled about pay cut, 95% in favor of reduction in days instead of reduction in force • Troubled by loss of fellow teachers • PFA not in position to make final decisions • East County Bargaining Council (ECBC) must approve contract reopen • ECBC position of no pay cuts with current fund balance • Reconsider reduction in force of May 1st <p>*A copy of the statement is attached to the official minutes.</p> <p>There were questions and discussion from the budget committee about Mr. Pratt’s statement.</p>
OSEA COMMENTS	<p><u>OREGON SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION COMMENTS</u> Superintendent Gray stated that the OSEA group will be losing 12.1 FTE due to budget reductions. The district and OSEA are currently in negotiations. Superintendent Gray stated that the district has asked for classified employees to take a salary freeze for next year.</p>
AUDIENCE TIME/PUBLIC COMMENTS	<p><u>AUDIENCE TIME/PUBLIC COMMENTS – JAMES WOODS</u> <u>May Wallace, Parkrose High School Teacher:</u> Ms Wallace began by stating that her position has been reduced from the budget for next year. She spoke on behalf of art education and its benefits to students to be divergent thinkers. She stated that unfortunately the arts are the first cut from school budgets.</p> <p><u>Allison Newman-Woods:</u> Ms. Newman-Woods stated that she is a member of the Parkrose Education Foundation, Parkrose Athletics Boosters, Parkrose High School Boosters and Parkrose Middle School Boosters. She requested that everyone work together and stated that the foundation and groups for which she is a volunteer are here for support during these troubling times.</p> <p><u>Susan Landreth, Russell Academy 6th Grade Teacher:</u> Ms. Landreth shared her dismay at music being reduced at the high school and middle school levels. She asked that reductions to teaching staff be equitable and if the May 15th revenue forecast is positive that music be fully funded for next year. She also suggested that the textbook fund budget be transferred to the general fund to save teaching positions.</p> <p><u>David Whitfield for Kesia Micheletti:</u> David Whitfield, Parkrose High School teacher read a prepared statement from Parkrose High School Transitions Coordinator, Kesia Micheletti. Ms. Micheletti’s statement was about her support of making sacrifices but as a new teacher with a young family, is not in support of a salary freeze on a personal level. She states that the</p>

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<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED</p>	<p>budget crisis will be around for sometime and is concerned with the district's ability to attract new teachers.</p> <p><u>Meg Kilmer, Parkrose High School Teacher:</u> Ms. Kilmer stated that she was struck by the amount of money transferred to the community center fund. As someone who campaigned for the community center, she stated that the goal was for that facility to be self supporting. Ms. Kilmer shared additional concerns for the cost of Clark Skills Center tuition and the cost to operate the swimming pool. She equated the pool costs to the loss of a teacher.</p> <p><u>Dan Wells, Parkrose High School Teacher:</u> Mr. Wells shared that he is one of the teachers who has been cut from the budget. He gave a heartfelt speech about his experiences in Parkrose and asked that everyone put a face to the reductions in staff and not only think with their heads but also with their hearts. He thanked everyone for his time in Parkrose.</p> <p><u>David Whitfield, Parkrose High School Teacher:</u> Mr. Whitfield shared his personal experiences regarding high school programs with the committee. He stated that education is in crisis and the economy has made it more difficult to keep sight of the vision. He asked that there be priorities in spending and that the priorities should be to educate children. Teach critical thinking and provide an opportunity for creativity. He suggested that areas to look at reducing instead of cutting teachers might be: textbooks, swimming pool, and school days.</p> <p><u>Maria Fuhrman, Parkrose High School Teacher:</u> Ms. Fuhrman commented about her distress of learning that music is being reduced from the middle and high school budget. She asked that there be no additional cuts to music. She participated in band in Parkrose from 5th through 12th grade and implored that there be no more reductions to music.</p>									
<p>MEETING SUMMARY</p>	<p><u>SUMMARY OF MEETING – JAMES WOODS</u> Chair Woods briefly summarized this evenings meeting.</p>									
<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVES 2009-10 BUDGET</p>	<p><u>APPROVE BUDGET ALL FUNDS 2009-2010</u> Chair Woods read the Resolution to Approve the 2009-10 Budget as follows:</p> <p>BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Budget Committee of the Parkrose School District #3, Multnomah County, State of Oregon, hereby approves the 2009-2010 budget in the aggregate amount of \$54,600,144 as follows:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;"></th> <th style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>General Education</u></th> <th style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>Excluded From Limitation</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Permanent Rate</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$4.8906</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bonded Debt</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$3,507,275</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>WOODS/GRASSEL moved to approve the resolution approving the budget for 2009-10. The vote was 8 to 1 to approve as follows: Katie Larsell (YES), Adair Fernee (YES), Rod Martin (YES), James Woods (YES), Jim MacBean (YES), Ed Grassel (YES), Dawn Evans (NO), Guy Crawford (YES), Ruby Falbo (YES).</p>		<u>General Education</u>	<u>Excluded From Limitation</u>	Permanent Rate	\$4.8906		Bonded Debt		\$3,507,275
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<p>FUTURE MEETINGS</p>	<p><u>ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETINGS – JAMES WOODS</u> a> Budget Committee Chair announced the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Budget Hearing, Monday, June 22, 2009, Parkrose District Office, 7:00 p.m. ● Board Meeting, Monday, June 22, 2009, Parkrose District Office, 7:00 p.m., immediately following Budget Hearing 									
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u> There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the second meeting of the Budget Committee was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 9:15 p.m.</p>									