

**Unofficial Minutes
Morrow County School District
Budget Committee
May 6, 2013**

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors & Budget Committee meeting of Monday, May 6, 2013 held in the board room at the District Office in Lexington, OR

BOARD & BUDGET MEMBERS PRESENT: Thad Killingbeck, Bill Kuhn, Becky Kindle, Brian Kollman, Tom Wolff, Nicole Mahoney, Melissa Lindsay and Janet Dezellem

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Barney Lindsay, Berto Hernandez
BUDGET COMMITTEE ABSENT: Venessa Navarro, Rita VanSchoiack, Joe Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dirk Dirksen, George Mendoza, Andy Fletcher.

OTHERS PRESENT: n/a

Call to Order

At 7:00 pm Nicole Mahoney called the Budget Committee meeting to order; Superintendent Dirksen established a quorum.

Election of Officers

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to nominate Nicole Mahoney as Budget Committee Chairman; Brian Kollman seconded the motion. Additionally, a second motion was made by Tom Wolff to nominate Melissa Lindsay as Vice Chairman. Becky Kindle seconded that motion.
Ayes:	Kuhn, Killingbeck, Kindle, Kollman, Wolff, Mahoney, Lindsay and Dezellem
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Establish Meeting Procedures – By consensus the meeting procedures would be the same as in prior years. The procedures will include an overview of the budget message and of the budget document with any questions or concerns from the Budget Committee or Board being addressed.

Budget Message & Overview of the Document -- Mr. Dirksen discussed the overall budget for 2013-14 and stated there were only a few changes to staffing and the majority of the budget stayed flat. The district was planning to receive nearly \$2m more in state school funding and the majority of that was going to salaries, benefits, expanded education options, LA textbook adoption, maintenance increases, and transfers to other funds. There were 2 teacher retirements that will not be rehired and a few transfers between schools. The language arts adoption and Greenways/Eastern Promise had significant increases. However, the largest increases came from PERS and a COLA increase (first one in over 5 years). The budget was based on a \$6.55B state budget and the district budgeted for the entire PERS increase with the expectation there will be some PERS reform. Mr. Fletcher gave a brief overview of the budget package outlining the revenues and expenses by the different cost codes. He also gave a brief description of where the money was budgeted – either at the district level or the individual school level.

Questions from the Budget Committee -- Questions were then addressed by Mr. Dirksen that included how Eastern Promise worked and the online option with Greenways – it was explained that the district budgeted 9 college or CTE credits for every student which the district would pay \$10 a credit. The committee wanted to know about computer technology and it was explained that e-rate would be used to expand the infrastructure so mobile devices could be used – right now there is not wireless capability in every classroom. If e-rate is not received then a plan will need to be developed to expand the current infrastructure throughout the district. The committee wanted to know about key maintenance projects and it was explained that HHS would have a boiler replacement and the district will focus other expenditures on 1) Student safety; 2) Extending an assets useful life; 3) reducing future costs. The committee wanted to know our backup plan if the state didn't fund us at \$6.55B and it was explained that the district would use the PERS reductions and other options to keep the current staffing. Mr. Dirksen also explained that the plan right now for any PERS reform savings would be to save that money for future years PERS increased costs – the district goal is to maintain the student to staff ratio.

Approval of Permanent Tax Rate & General Fund

Motion:	A motion was made by Tom Wolff and seconded by Melissa Lindsay to approve the permanent tax rate of \$4.0342 per \$1000 of assessed value, and the general fund in the amount of \$21,860,263 for operating purposes for the 2013-14 fiscal year.
Ayes:	Kindle, Killingbeck, Kuhn, Kollman, Wolff, Mahoney, Lindsay, Dezellem
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Approval of Local Option Tax Levy Rate

Motion:	A motion was made by Janet Dezellem and seconded by Tom Wolff to approve the local option tax levy rate of \$1 per \$1000 of assessed value for the general fund in the 2013-14 fiscal year.
Ayes:	Kindle, Killingbeck, Kuhn, Kollman, Wolff, Mahoney, Lindsay, Dezellem
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Approval of Fund 301 Debt Service

Motion:	A motion was made by Janet Dezellem and seconded by Brian Kollman to approve Fund 301 Debt Service in the amount of \$1,856,288 with a tax levy in the amount of \$2,259, 400.
Ayes:	Kindle, Killingbeck, Kuhn, Kollman, Wolff, Mahoney, Lindsay, Dezellem
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Approval of All Other Funds

Motion:	A motion was made by Tom Wolff and seconded by Thad Killingbeck to approve all other funds in the amount of \$5,467,676.
Ayes:	Kindle, Killingbeck, Kuhn, Kollman, Wolff, Mahoney, Lindsay, Dezellem
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully submitted:

Andy Fletcher, Business Manager

Nicole Mahoney, Budget Committee Chairman

Date Approved: _____