

**Morrow County School District #1
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2022**

Roll Call:

The budget committee meeting was held on May 10, 2022, at the North District Office in Irrigon, Oregon and started at 6:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established. The budget committee members and other staff introduced themselves.

In attendance were the budget committee members, Tim Wolff, Cristina Cuevas, Lisa Wedam, Christy Correa (Zoom), Wes Killion, Loren Dieter, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Brian Kollman, Kalie Davis, Jacob Cain and Barney Lindsay. Also, in attendance were Dirk Dirksen, Superintendent, Matt Combe, Director of Maintenance/HJSHS Principal, Marie Shimer, Director of Educational Services, Erin Stocker, Exc. Director HR, Beth O'Hanlon, Business Manager/IMESD, Cheryl Costello, Executive Secretary/Barbara Phillips, Executive Secretary. Members absent were Rita VanSchoiack.

Becky Kindle, School Board Chair, opened the meeting.

Visitors:

There were no visitors.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Kalie Davis nominated Loren Dieter as Chair, with Brian Kollman seconding the motion. The nomination passed unanimously.

Brian Kollman nominated Tommy Wolff as Vice Chair, with Kalie Davis seconding the motion. The nomination passed unanimously.

Presentation of Budget Message:

Dirk Dirksen presented the 2022/23 budget message that included 51% of \$9.3 billion state budget. The budget was built considering an enrollment of 2,266 students. This proposal was developed based on financial estimates and available student data. If funding sources change, the District will be flexible to modify expenditures to allow for balanced spending within the budget guidelines. The proposed budget is significantly smaller (\$17,045,115) due to the August 2021 sale of pension obligation bonds that reduced our liability with Pension Employee Retirements Systems (PERS). The \$18,300,000 bond sale greatly reduced employee retirement cost for the District. In 2022-23, the projected savings over the life of the bond totals \$5,400,000.

Morrow County will award the District another \$868,487 grant from the County's income from Wheatridge. The grant funds an expansion of STEM and STEAM instruction. Each community will receive \$100,000 targeted for STEM/STEAM programs plus an additional allocation based on the number of students.

Wellness hub partners continue to invest in ancillary services to our students and families. The partners invest in CARE coordinators, nursing, mental health, safety resource officers, workforce coordinators and oral health. For every \$1.00 the District spends, outside agencies

spend \$1.00. Together, the District and our partners invest over \$2,081,927 in the welfare of Morrow County students.

The budget discussion included the following highlights:

- The State is awarding grants for summer school, \$559,000
- The District has \$5,100,000 remaining in Federal grants for COVID-19. These funds will be utilized for learning loss, curriculum, nursing services and improving air quality in buildings.
- The Student Investment Act (SIA) grant budget is \$2,516,365 and includes carryover from the 2021-2022 school year.
- The Capital Projects Fund budget is larger due to the allocations of the Amazon gift from Morrow County. The District's \$2,500,000 award will be used for large capital projects that won't be covered by the potential bond.
- Morrow Education Foundation granted \$869,553 for the 2022-2023 school year. Due to COVID constraints, we are also budgeting carryover to purchase reading remediation programs and the expansion of counseling nursing, and CARE.
- \$4,000,000 ending fund balance.

Budget Review:

Beth O'Hanlon reviewed the proposed 2022-2023 document with the committee. Highlights included:

- General fund budget in the amount of \$35,985,967, an increase of about \$3.8 million. Increase to transfers and positions. Special revenue funds have increased, 2nd year of biennium. Purchasing – everything is delayed.
- Smaller debt service due to the sale of bonds. Sold \$18.3 million in August of last year.
- Capital projects fund is higher. We will be posting the Amazon gift to that fund when it is received. Also, the community investment grants will be posted there.

Budget summaries and detail for each fund type were presented with the opportunity for discussion.

Beth reviewed some questions/topics from Mr. Killion related to:

- Salaries and account codes that carryover from a prior year
- Capital fund budget revenue and expenditures
- Reviewed transfers from the general fund to early retiree funds, capital funds, and food service fund
- Special grant funds
- The budget committee approves by function, not account code

The budget committee had questions and discussed the following:

- Federal COVID funds. These funds have a staggered maturity. We have spent out some and some have future maturity dates
- Questions regarding Federal funds – Wheatridge funds
- Questions related to some FTE positions that may need cleaned up

Opportunity for Public Comment:

There was no Public comment.

Action on Budget:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Tommy Wolf, seconded by Brian Kollman carried unanimously, the committee approved the Morrow County School District #1's 2022-2023 budget in the amount of \$62,491,223 for the entire operations of the District, property taxes at the rate of \$4.0342 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes in the general fund.

Adjourn:

Becky Kindle thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 6:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Kindle, Board Chair

Cheryl Costello, Executive Secretary