

Three Rivers School District  
8550 New Hope Road  
Grants Pass, Oregon 97527

5/22/2013

## **Budget Committee Meeting #2 – 5/22/2013**

The Three Rivers School District Budget Committee met for their second 2013-2014 budget committee meeting in the school district board room at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 22, 2013, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Oregon 97527.

**Budget  
Committee  
Met**

### Members Present:

Ron Lengwin, Board Chairperson  
Tammy Canady, Budget Committee Chairperson  
Robert Litak, Board Vice Chair  
Ron Crume, Board Member  
Graham Baker, Budget Committee Member  
Bill Bonville, Budget Committee Member  
Keith Haley, Budget Committee Member  
Leslie Meier, Board Member

**Present**

### Members Absent:

Kevin Marr, Budget Committee Member

**Absent**

Also Present: Dave Valenzuela, Elementary Curriculum Director; Debbie Breckner, Human Resources Director; Doug Ely, Secondary Curriculum Director; Stephanie Allen-Hart, Special Education Director; Rachel Huish, Lorna Byrne Principal; Dave Marks; Julia Richardson, Jennifer Parsons, Dan Huber-Kantola, Superintendent; Lisa Cross, Recording Secretary.

**Also Present**

Budget Chair Tammy Canady called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., and welcomed everyone to the first budget meeting for the 2013-2014 school year.

**Call to Order**

Budget Member Baker moved to approve the minutes from April 22, 2013. Seconded by Budget Member Bonville. Budget Vice Chair Robert Litak asked for the minutes to be corrected to reflect his title as Board Vice Chair. Vote was 6 – 0 with Board Member Meier and Board Vice Chair Litak abstaining due to absence from last meeting.

**Approve  
Minutes**

Superintendent Dan Huber-Kantola presented information on a 4 Day School Week. He discussed the potential savings from transportation, changes that require bargaining with TRSD employee groups and possible losses to the food service program. Superintendent Huber-Kantola noted that the TRSD Board directed Administration to take an in-depth look at the 4 day week as well as trimester vs. semester and report back at the March 2014 board meeting.

**4-Day Week**

Lisa Cross presented a budget update outlining legislative, state and district changes affecting the budget since the last meeting. The combination of PERS legislation, State School Fund estimate increases, higher estimated beginning fund balances, the closure of Jerome Prairie Elementary school, and staffing adjustments for next year reduced the amount needed to provide a full school year from \$2.44 million to \$825,000. It was recommended by Administration that the following items be included in the Approved Budget: Additional revenue be recognized; PERS legislative rate changes be incorporated; \$65,000 added for unemployment costs; \$7,500 added for Board training; \$25,000 added for transportation; and salaries equivalent to 13 days be added back.

**Budget  
Update**

Board Vice Chair Litak noted that the district has taken steps in previous years to reduce energy usage and adjusted transportation routes in an effort to reduce costs to the district.

**Discussion**

Budget Member Bonville asked about the impact of Common Core Standards. Dave Valenzuela, Elementary Curriculum Director stated that the younger grade levels currently test on computers so that requirement is already facilitated and professional development is supported through federal funding.

Budget Chair Canady asked what would happen if Senate Bill 822 were challenged. Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated the expectation is that it *will* be challenged but by the time a decision is made there would be enough in the state reserve account to offset any parts of the bill that are over-turned.

Board Vice Chair Litak asked what the miscellaneous staff savings were. Debbie Breckner, Human Resources Director noted the staffing changes were due to loss of enrollment.

Discussion continued when Budget Member Haley asked about property, liability, workers compensation, and health insurance.

Dave Marks, TREA President clarified some items on the 4 day work week and talked about implementing "Innovation Friday's" at the schools. Discussion continued on the required length of school at all levels. Mr. Marks re-iterated that the last TREA memorandum of understanding specified that the district would not balance the budget on the backs of personnel. He added that Debbie has done a good job of making adjustments where she could.

**Public  
Comment**

Budget Member Bonville moved to approve the Proposed Budget with items in Attachment "A", approve taxes for the 2013-2014 fiscal year at the rate of \$3.7262 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes, and in the amount of \$2,077,272 for payment of bond principal and interest. Budget Member Baker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

**Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,



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Lisa Cross  
Recording Secretary