

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

5/26/2021

Budget Committee Meeting #2 – 5/26/21

The Three Rivers School District Budget Committee met for their 2nd 2021-2022 budget meeting in the school district board room at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Oregon 97527.

**Budget
Committee
Met**

Members Present:

Jennifer Johnstun, Board Chairperson
Paul Kelly, Board Vice Chair
Jenn Searle, Board Member
Rich Halsted, Board Member
Brian Mockridge, Budget Committee Member
Kevin Marr, Budget Committee Chair

Present

Members Absent:

Jack Dwyer, Budget Committee Member
Danny York, Board Member
Jennifer Vetter, Budget Committee Member
Thomas Davis, Budget Committee Member

Absent

Also Present: Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent; Lisa Cross, Accounting Manager; Megan Beck, recording secretary.

Also Present

Budget Chair, Kevin Marr called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

Budget Chair, Kevin Marr called to approve the minutes from May 19th Budget meeting. Board Member Rich Halsted approved and Budget Member, Brian Mockridge second. Motion passed unanimously

**Approval of
Minutes**

Accounting Manager, Lisa Cross explained the State School fund had increased to \$9.3 Billion from the \$9.1 Billion, increasing TRSD General Fund by \$797,000. She also stated that Oregon is expected to end the biennium with a 2% increase from the projected budget. This would trigger not only the personal kicker tax refund but also the corporate kicker tax, giving \$664 million to K-12 school funding. She also explained that Oregon's revenue expectations had increased by more than 8% and was hopeful of further discussion on K-12 budgets.

**Legislative
Update**

Accounting Manager, Lisa Cross said one question was received since the last budget meeting; With the increase to the State School Fund could those dollars be used for any projects that were on the Bond? Accounting Manager, Lisa Cross answered saying that yes, legally the budget committee could appropriate those dollars to capital expenses, but noted it is the recommendation of District Administration that any increases to the State School Fund be used to bring staffing back into the General Fund.

**Discussion
& Questions**

Board Member, Rich Halsted asked how many staff positions would be returned with the increase of the \$797 Thousand? Accounting Manager, Lisa Cross responded, approximately 9 positions.

Budget Chair, Kevin Marr commented on the bond results, with encouragement to continue those efforts. Superintendent, Valenzuela explained that it would be a decision for the board.

Budget Chair, Kevin Marr asked if there were any more questions and there were none.

Board Member, Rich Halsted moved that the Three Rivers School District budget committee approve the Proposed Budget: As presented and approve taxes for the 2021-2022 fiscal year at the rate of \$3.7262 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes. Board Chair, Kevin Marr 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

**Budget
Approval**

No other questions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Beck
Recording Secretary