
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION**

Enclosed are the minutes for:

May 13, 2013 Budget Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

(13-296) BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the May 13, 2013 Budget Meeting be and hereby are approved.



BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
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Budget Committee Meeting

May 13, 2013

The Budget Committee of the Beaverton School District conducted a Budget Meeting at Beaverton School District Central Administration Services on May 13, 2013. The meeting was brought to order at 6:31 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Karen Cunningham
Mary VanderWeele
Sarah Smith (phone)
LeeAnn Larsen
Jeff Hicks
Linda Degman

Budget Committee Members Present:

Susan Greenberg
Anne Bryan
Carrie Anderson
Carmin Ruiz
Kim Overhage
Gerardo Ochoa
Cameron Irtifa

District Administration Members Present:

Jeff Rose	Superintendent
Carl Mead	Deputy Superintendent
Ron Porterfield	Deputy Superintendent
Claire Hertz	Chief Financial Officer
Sue Robertson	Chief Human Resource Officer
Steve Langford	Chief Information Officer
Maureen Wheeler	Public Communication Officer
Holly Lekas	Executive Administrator
Brenda Lewis	Executive Administrator
Barbara Evans	Executive Administrator
Vicki Lukich	Executive Administrator
Dick Steinbrugge	Executive Administrator for Facilities
Robin Kobrowski	Administrator for Assessment and Curriculum / Secondary
Jan Martin	Administrator for Assessment and Curriculum / Primary
Jon Bridges	Administrator for Accountability
Andre Schellhaas	Finance Manager
Gayellyn Jacobson	Administrator for Fiscal Services
Jessica Ho	Senior Budget Accountant
Mark Moser	Administrator for Licensed Personnel
Joan Lattner	Administrator for Classified Personnel
Danielle Sheldrake	Director of Special Education
Wei-Wei Lou	Director of ELL Services
Rafael Montelongo	Elementary Principal
Susan Rodriguez	Title Elementary Principal
Claudia Ruf	Middle School Principal
Mike Chamberlain	High School Principal
MaryJean Katz	Options Principal

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Kim Overhage
Jeff Rose

Budget Committee Chair, Kim Overhage, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Board members Sarah Smith and Tom Quillin were not in attendance, however, Smith called in later for voting purposes. Overhage reviewed the meeting goals for the evening:

1. Approving the budget and tax levies for the 2013 - 2014 school year



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2. Debrief budget process from this year and look for suggestions for next year

Superintendent Rose stated he listened very carefully to the comments made at the last meeting and made note of the meaning behind some of the comments. There was expressed confidence in the work of the Internal Budget Committee and obvious discomfort. The level of our state school funding and the impact of our Local Option Levy is unknown until May 21. The District is approving the budget with an undecided state budget. If Scenario 3 does not come to fruition, the budget will be discussed with the Board who will adopt the budget in June.

Rose acknowledged the recent report from Friends of Music and the concept of a task force to study the arts in Beaverton Schools. Music set the tone for a variety of other topics the District that need attention as well: counseling services, PE, athletic opportunities, fine arts, second language offerings, optimal instructional settings, resources via technology, library and media support, instructional time and class size. While the District doesn't have the budget allocated to those task forces or the Central Office staff added to create those task forces, we can look at other ways of doing them in the future. We would want to consider how we add Board members to some of the voluntary work groups that were listed in the report.

Times clearly have changed in a number of ways. Until our state finds a system for stable, financial health, we will need to find local, pragmatic solutions and means of moving forward versus buying back our past. Scenario 3 does not afford us everything we want or believe we need, but does give us hope and sets a course for the future. Over time, with effort and dollar increases we will move forward step by step.

II. Approval of Minutes from the May 6, 2013 Budget Meeting

Kim Overhage

Overhage asked for any typographical errors to be e-mailed to Debby Wohlmutter. Cameron Irtifa moved to approve the minutes from the May 6th meeting. LeeAnn Larsen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Budget Update

Claire Hertz

Claire Hertz reviewed one change to the proposed budget to add \$86,794 to ESL programs. This will balance the budget to 90% allocation of state school fund revenue based on the most current ODE estimate for 2013-2014. Page 11 and 12 of the packet include all funds in the budget. Page 13 is the proposed budget of \$499,388,236. A draft motion includes approval of the budget and tax rates. The draft motion is Scenario 3 including the levy passing, \$6.55 B state school funding and \$200 million in PERS reform. If the levy does not pass, the budget will be adjusted for the Board to adopt on June 3, 2013.

IV. Budget Committee Final Comments

Kim Overhage

Overhage asked the same question from last week: the budget committee's role is to confirm the budget to the extent that resources allowed will align with law,



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policy and the District Strategic Plan. Do you think Scenario 3 supports the District Goal and Strategic Plan given the amount of money available?

Mary VanderWeele – Agrees with the Superintendent, it does not support the Strategic Plan in full but reflects some really hard choices. Although it does not meet the needs of all students, the District will continue to advocate on their behalf and remain hopeful to better serve our students in years to come.

Kim Overhage read a statement submitted by **Tom Quillin**. He regretted he could not attend as he was out of town. He wanted to share his support for the work of the Budget Committee and his gratitude for the work of the staff in creating this proposal. He guessed the committee was wrestling with some level of discomfort about ambiguity and uncertainty about: District staff could have done things differently, who Board of Directors will be next year, levy vote and how much money it will generate, the Oregon Legislature's commitment to public schools. At least one thing is certain. 40,000 children and their teachers will return to their classrooms next fall, and they are counting on this team to do the best for them. The budget proposal may not be perfect but to his judgment staff has served the District well. The current budget represents a reasonable and strategic allocation of inadequate resources across classrooms and district operations. He supports this budget and recommends the committee approve it for consideration by the Board.

LeeAnn Larsen - Despite the limited funds given to work with as a district and knowing it isn't enough to educate every student, she believes the Internal Budget Committee and this Budget Committee have put together the best option possible for funding the district for next year. It has protected the kids and the classrooms as best it can. It is up to our community to do their part, to pass this local option levies and put teachers back into the classroom. Counselors can get back to do what they do best with kids, which is counseling. Elementary students can have more music instruction and our class sizes begin to move toward a more manageable size. She implored everyone to vote yes on the Local Option Levy on May 21 so we are able to provide the best available education for kids.

Kim Overhage - Thinks the budget presented by staff does present the best possible match to what all of the stakeholders have requested and what the District goal requires. She is in support.

Susan Greenberg – Susan thanked the Internal Budget Committee for their work. Their decisions were difficult and heart wrenching. Scenario 3 is not enough to put students first, but it's a start in the positive direction. The levy must be passed in order to avoid another year of cuts. The committee must continue advocating at the state level to fund education at a level to bring back teachers, days and programs.

Anne Bryan – As a new Budget Committee member this year she is very grateful for the Internal Budget Committee, Claire Hertz and her team. She asked a lot of questions that were answered in a very professional and timely manner. She found it rather interesting, most rules around budget committees are making sure groups do not overspend. In fact, there are limits to overspending more



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than 10% than what it is the Budget Committee recommends. She feels confident in recommending this budget and acknowledges it does support the Board's stated goals. This budget recommendation does not preclude some of the needs stated by the community and the Budget Committee going forward, regardless of whether or not the levy passes. It includes removing counselors from the teaching rotation, instituting a music coordinator position and implementing a music task force. All could be implemented as part of this approved budget without getting anywhere close to that 10% change. The board can direct these priorities happen within the bounds of the budget and she recommends on May 22 the Board look at options and decide how to move forward. Anne stated she is looking forward to being a part of the community as we advocate for our students as a whole.

Linda Degman - Thanked the Internal Budget Committee and the members of the community. She stated this was not an easy process, and was difficult to make choices for children when they need so much. She would like to continue to talk to community members about how they need to get more involved in our schools. There is not enough money and who knows when there will be enough to educate children in the way we want to educate them. We need to continue to push forward with community engagement and getting the community involved in schools. A lot of heart and soul was poured into the budget by making sure to do the best with the dollars we have. She is in support of the budget.

Gerardo Ochoa - The committee was presented with three options. One was not even considered, one is more hopeful and the third option is the most hopeful. Personally, he always prepares for the worst and hopes for the best. The Board has some tough decisions because of all the uncertainties. He thanked the Internal Budget Committee and is hopeful the Board will make the right decision under very tough circumstances.

V. Approval of Budget and Tax Levies

Kim Overhage

Sarah Smith joined the meeting by phone.

Susan Greenberg made the motion to approve the Beaverton School District budget for all funds in the aggregate amount of \$499,388,236 for the 2013-14 school year and approve property taxes at the permanent tax rate of \$4.6930 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes in the General Fund. She further moved pending voter approval, a local option tax rate of \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value be assessed in support of the General Fund, and a tax of \$51,094,175 be approved for the service of bonded debt obligations of the School District.

LeeAnn Larsen seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously passed.

VI. Budget Process Debrief

Kim Overhage

Kim asked Budget members to break into groups of 2-3 to debrief this year's process.



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Susan Greenberg and Kim Overhage

- Felt the chairperson moved things smoothly along with the team of Budget Members.
- Having two 2-hour Listening Sessions gave the community a chance to talk about the budget.
- Appreciated how everyone was focused on the District goal and everyone had an opportunity to be heard.
- Consider adding one meeting in January at the very beginning of the process. This meeting would have two meeting goals: 1) introduction of Budget Committee members, and 2) Budget Committee members to have the opportunity to give their input to the Internal Budget Committee prior to the creation of the budget. Important that Budget Committee members are in a listening mode at the Listening Sessions.

Karen Cunningham and Carmin Ruiz

- Thought the process went very well.
- The timing of the Listening Sessions was better than last year.
- Agreed everyone was clear on what their roles were and staying within the roles.
- Smaller community engagement sessions might be helpful with one Budget Committee member, one Board member and one staff member to go out to the schools. Could invite feeder schools, and create more conversations in smaller groups. Might be more general input from the community.
- Want to get more feedback from the community as a whole versus specific groups.

Carmeron Irtifa and Linda Degman

- It's clear the team has done a good job.
- Appreciated the early delivery of the budget document prior to the first meeting.
- Response time to questions was very quick, only a couple hours to receive the answer.
- Chair did a great job and kept the meetings moving. She contacted members prior to meetings to share what they could expect.
- Still need to figure out how to engage the community more.

Carrie Anderson and Mary VanderWeele

- Also appreciated receiving the budget and variance information well before the first meeting so they could be more prepared and focused.
- Support adding a meeting early on and idea of smaller regional/zone community meetings.
- Would like more time to get documents earlier and more time between meetings. This is a big budget to absorb quickly.
- It would be helpful if the presentations were presented in alignment with our Strategic Plan.

Gerardo Ochoa and Jeff Hicks

- We need to have more forward thinking into the future instead of just getting to this point.



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- People often just think of their school, they forget how large we are. We need to help them understand how large the district is, if we want to be that "School District" instead of that "District of Schools".
- Appreciated the elementary, middle school and high school presentations.
- Thanked Ron Porterfield and others who answered the Central Services \$4 million question. It ties back to how large the district really is.
- Would like to see more diversity represented in the meetings.
- Need to be more strategic in community engagement efforts. Likes idea of engaging families by regions.

LeeAnn Larson and Anne Bryan

- Having the goal at the top of the each agenda was helpful and kept everyone targeted.
- Staff gets kudos for working so hard.
- Liked having recorded meeting and meeting information on the website. Liked submitting questions on Google Docs.
- It would be helpful to align the timing of the last meeting, so the level of funding would be known.
- More time between the second and third meetings to allow for proposed changes if there were any.

Kim thanked the Internal Budget Committee.

VII. Closing Remarks

Kim Overhage
Jeff Rose

Superintendent Rose stated the recommendations given were very good. He noticed community engagement in the budget process is really complicated because it comes down to, what is the role of the committee? What is the role of those who make comments and advocate for something they care very deeply about? How do you make a difference when there is a finite amount of money? One role in the community engagement process is to engage early and to look at the big picture of the dilemma faced. Although as a big district, it is only a microcosm of the bigger picture in this state and country relative to how we are funding education and prioritizing education. He would ask the community be engaged in the place where they can truly make long lasting differences and impressions, not just local but at the state level.

We should be asking questions about the tax codes in place for the last 50 years and what will advocacy in Beaverton be in moving forward. This past year, Beaverton has stepped up at the state level by advocating for adequate funding for schools. Beaverton has played a huge role at the state level, but the conversation should not be over. We should not grow comfortable, levy or no levy, but instead look at the next biennium as a true opportunity of how we fund schools. We don't just want people engaging in the budget process but engaging at the state level. In recent Community Conversations this spring the District has talked to over 600 people, some of them twice. Conversations have been with parents, students, higher education, teachers, small and large businesses, community members and patrons without students. One thing they all say is to expand the notion of "We" as a community. We now have listed behaviors for all of the groups and are in the process of identifying the top five behaviors we could expect in the Beaverton School District moving forward.



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He thanked everyone who has already been thanked as well as the small, but mighty Business Office and the Internal Budget Committee. Principals spent many days and hours to work in a very challenging process. Both certified and classified staff were represented at the long, challenging meetings. This is a voluntary position and he appreciated the support.

Kim Overhage thanked everyone once again and reminded everyone about voting on the Local Option Levy. On June 3, 2013 the School Board will hold a meeting that will include the formal budget hearing.

Budget Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Kim Overhage
Budget Committee Chair

Debby Wohlmuth
Recording Secretary