

MINUTES

Bethel School District #52 Budget Committee Meeting May 09, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

Budget Committee: Debi Farr, Paul Jorgensen, Caleb Clark, Greg Nelson, Richard Cunningham, Robin Zygaitis, Ashley Espinoza, Erin Zygaitis, and Patrick Farr

Absent: James Manning Jr., Alan Laisure, and Jennifer Ziegler

Tatiana Bakhtina and T. Erin Basinger joined the meeting via Zoom Webinar.

District staff and presenters: Superintendent Sproles, Assistant Superintendent Calalang, Simon Levear, Alisha Dodds, Jill Robinson-Wolgamott, Jill Busby and Connie Quinn

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Debi Farr called the Budget Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Farr called for nominations for Budget Committee Chair. Richard Cunningham nominated Erin Zygaitis, Ashley Espinoza seconded. Receiving no other nominations, Chair Farr asked for a roll call vote. Erin Zygaitis was unanimously elected Budget Committee Chair.

Chair Farr asked for nominations for Budget Committee Vice Chair. Caleb Clark nominated Patrick Farr, Paul Jorgensen seconded. Receiving no other nominations, Chair Farr asked for a roll call vote. Patrick Farr was unanimously elected Budget Committee Vice Chair.

Connie Quinn was appointed Budget Secretary.

PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET DOCUMENT/BUDGET MESSAGE

Superintendent Sproles presented the Budget Message for the proposed 2022-2023 budget and appointed Alisha Dodds to act as scribe for any questions or concerns.

Superintendent Sproles reflected on the journey the district has been on for the past two years during the pandemic, and mentioned the joy of the historic graduation high school rates at Willamette High School and Kalapuya High School. The 2022-2023 proposed budget is based on State School Fund (SSF) appropriation of \$9.3 billion and is a 3.3% increase of the 2019-2021 biennium. This increase is not adequate to meet the district's current service levels without spending down operational reserves. The district will continue receiving state grants such as the Student Investment Account (SIA), High School Success (HSS) and the use of one-time funds. Declining student enrollment, contract negotiations and one-time resources present budget challenges. The district is committed to focusing on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion along with Career & Technical Education (CTE). With the use of General Obligation Bond dollars the district will replace Cascade Middle School, build a new Career and Technical Center at Willamette High School, add learning spaces at Kalapuya High School, construct covered play structures

at most elementary schools, update technology and textbooks, improve heating and cooling systems, and completing numerous maintenance projects.

BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The budget committee expressed comments and Superintendent Sproles answered questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE BUDGET MESSAGE

No public comments were made.

REVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, May 12, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Webinar from the District Office Boardroom
 - A. Review of School Programs
 - B. Student Services
 - C. ESSER Funds
 - D. Student Investment Account (SIA)
 - E. High School Success (HSS)
 - F. Summer Programming
 - G. Bond Projects
 - H. All Other Tabs
 - I. Discussion and Approval of 2022-2023 Budget and Levies

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Budget Committee, Chair Zygaitis adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Clerk

Chair