

LEBANON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
Budget Committee Meeting #2 Minutes
April 28, 2016

The second Budget Committee meeting for 2016 was held in the Board Room at the District Office on April 28, 2016. Richard Borden, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present included:

Richard Borden	Board Member	Terry Deacon	Budget Member
Jerry Williams	Board Member	Macey France	Budget Member
Liz Alperin	Board Member	John Snyder	Budget Member
Russ McUne	Board Member	Todd Gestrin	John Snyder Budget Member
Mike Martin	Board Member	Jennifer Meckley	HR Director
Bo Yates	Assistant Superintendent	Linda Darling	Business Director

Approve April 14, 2016 Minutes (Enclosure 2)

Richard Borden made a motion to approve the April 14, 2016 Budget Committee Minutes as presented. Russ McUne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Discussion of Proposed 2016-2017 Budget

Linda Darling went through the handout that she gave the Committee. She pointed out the corrected budget line items and amounts, which were discussed at the last meeting.

Linda Darling gave the Committee a handout with AVID financial information which was requested at the last Budget Committee meeting. Over the last two years the cost for AVID is close to \$800,000.

Linda Darling spoke regarding the funding for the School Resource Officer. She pointed out that last year \$80,000 was budgeted and the proposed budget has been reduced to \$50,000. She explained that the District and City of Lebanon are in negotiations regarding the SRO position. At this time the District can only afford \$50,000. In the end it would be a board decision.

Jennifer Meckley added that through the negotiation process for the SRO the District is looking at services and what we need.

Todd Gestrin pointed out that he is also on the Lebanon City Budget Committee and the District is paying 75% of the police officer's salary, when at any time during the day the office can be called away. As a taxpayer he is concerned. He wondered if maybe a police officer on a lower pay scale would work.

Richard Borden pointed out that the SROs do service for the District outside of the school day. He would want someone with tenure.

The Committee discussed the importance of the SRO and the job duties.

Linda Darling presented the financial report. In the proposed budget there is \$2,950,000 for the beginning fund balance however, the current projection is \$2,600,000. This would have a negative impact on the 2016-2017 budget. The \$1M contingency, which can only be used for unexpected expenses, would be the area that would be impacted with the shortfall in the beginning fund balance. In this proposed budget we have maintained the current staff, and put in for additional custodial staff due to ending the WVRC contract.

Russ McUne asked Linda Darling if she had to project what the ending fund balance in 2016-2017, what it would be. She explained that there are a number of things that will directly impact that. The projected budget includes 140 ADMr for the Beyond LHS program, but due to the changes in the law there will potentially only be 40 students in the Beyond LHS program. This presents a potential loss of \$700,000 dollars. Linda said that she would project an Ending Fund Balance of close to \$2M, but then the new biennium starts with a lot of unknowns. With the potential of flat funding, and PERS increase, etc. it might not be a pretty picture to build the 2017-2018 budget.

Linda Darling explained that negotiations with classified staff are beginning and next year it will be time to negotiate again with Certified. We will be fine in 16/17 budget year with the positions that are budgeted for. It will be the 17/18 budget year that will be an unknown.

Liz Alperin said that she would like to take the money from the Middle School sports and put it into the CTE programs. She pointed out that there are businesses that want to partner with the school, but they want the District to step up and put in the money as a show of good faith.

Mike Martin said that he agrees. He toured the programs at the High School. He pointed out that there are a lot of students 400-500 in the programs and he would like money to go into those accounts to seed the programs. He would encourage the Board to vote and sell the land to get those programs some of the equipment that they need. Mike suggested that the District continue to use WVRC as it saves the District money. Mike pointed out that he is also concerned about the equality between schools and the programs that are offered to students.

The Committee discussed taking the money from some line items and putting it into the CTE program line items, how much money would be needed in the CTE programs, and the need for the CTE program and middle school sports program.

Linda Darling went on to explain any additional questions from the Committee concerning the proposed budget.

Liz Alperin made a motion to move money from the middle school sports line item to the CTE program line item.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion to Approve the Budget

Russ McUne made a motion for the Budget Committee of the Lebanon Community School District which has reviewed and hereby approves the budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year in the amount of \$57,253,923. This is comprised of:

All Funds	2015-2016 PROPOSED
General Fund	\$ 40,270,825
Special Revenue	\$ 12,644,901
Debt Service	\$ 3,968,197
Enterprise	\$ 250,000
Internal Services	\$ 120,000
Grand Total	\$ 57,253,923

Jerry Williams second. Terry Deacon called for the vote. Terry Deacon, Marcy France, John Snyder, Todd Gestrin, Richard Borden, Jerry Williams, and Russ McUne voted yes. Mike Martin and Liz Alperin voted no. The motion carried by majority.

Motion to Set the Tax Rate

Russ McUne made a motion that the budget committee of the Lebanon Community School District #9 approves taxes for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, at the rate of 4.9925 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes in the General Fund and \$3,791,525 for the general obligation bond levy in the Debt Service Fund for principal and interest.”

Richard Borden second. Terry Deacon called for the vote. Terry Deacon, Marcy France, John Snyder, Todd Gestrin, Richard Borden, Mike Martin, Jerry Williams, and Russ McUne voted yes. Mike Martin and Liz Alperin voted no. The motion carried by majority.

Budget Committee Meeting Dates

May 12, 2016 7:00 p.m./District Office Board Room Budget Committee Meeting #3
May 26, 2016 6:00 p.m./District Office Board Room Public Budget Hearing & Special Board Meeting

Since the Budget passed the May 12 Budget Meeting has been cancelled.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

(Recorded by Kathy Schurr)

Rob Hess, Superintendent

Terry Deacon, Budget Chair