

LEBANON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon
Budget Committee Minutes
April 17, 2014

The second Budget Committee meeting for the 2014-2015 budget was held in the Board Room at the District Office on April 17, 2014. Terry Deacon, Budget Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Those present included:

Richard Borden	Board Member	Rob Hess	Superintendent
Mike Martin	Board Member	Ryan Noss	Assistant Superintendent
Jerry Williams	Board Member	Bo Yates	Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Russ McUne	Board Member	Linda Darling	Business Director
Julie Gerig	Budget Member		
Terry Deacon	Budget Member		
Macey France	Budget Member		

Liz Alperin, David Champion, and Todd Gestrin were absent.

Approve April 3, 2014 Minutes (Enclosure 2)

Russ McUne made a motion to approve the April 3, 2014 minutes as read. Richard Borden seconded. The motion carried by majority.

Public Comments

Patron Jennifer Walter expressed two concerns:

- 1) AVID – Certification takes place in the Fall and Spring, during which each school has to score on a huge number of items. She thinks it would be a great document to use in evaluating the Superintendent. She would like to see AVID be attached to the Budget.
- 2) Expressed concerns about the amount of standardized testing being done. 20% of classroom time in Language Arts is being used for standardized testing. Teachers do not find a lot of value in that. More collaboration with teachers is needed.

Discussion of Proposed 2014-2015 Budget

1. 2013-14 General Fund summary report

Linda gave the committee an updated 2013-14 General Fund summary report. She explained the changes to the report from last month. There have been several financial changes that are impacting the projected ending fund balance. The good news has continued toward more funds. ODE posted a new estimate for 2013-2014 that increases our revenue by \$428,000. When combining all of the unexpected revenue:

- State timber from \$20,000 to \$110,000
- School Support Fund from \$23,800,000 to \$24,228,000
- SSF-Prior Year Adjustment from \$40,000 to \$300,000

the adjusted Ending Fund Balance for 2013-2014 is currently \$2,270,700, which would be the Beginning Fund Balance for 2014-2015. The proposed budget is \$2,000,000.

(Enclosure I-2)

Linda pointed out that the committee could increase the ending fund balance; or the Committee might like to dedicate some dollars to the PERS reserve fund, as there will be an increase in PERS in 2015-2016.

Rob Hess pointed out that textbook adoption in Language Arts will come up next year, The adoptions are once every seven years, and could cost up to \$500,000. There are also needs in technology and capital improvements.

Linda Darling explained that the Committee could increase the beginning fund balance from 2M to 2.2 or 2.4 million; then designate the funds that the monies go to. The Board could make those decisions later on as to where the monies are transferred to, as the need arises.

Russ recommended making the beginning fund balance 2.4M with \$200,000 to PERS, \$100,000 to textbook adoption, and \$100,000 to capital improvements.

Mike Martin recommended \$150,000 to the PERS Reserve Fund, \$100,000 to textbook adoption, \$75,000 to technology needs, and \$75,000 to capital improvements.

The Committee discussed the recommendations.

Russ McUne made a motion to move 2.4M to the Beginning Fund Balance and then designate \$150,000 to PERS Reserve Fund, \$100,000 to Textbook Adoption, \$75,000 to Technology, and \$75,000 to Capital Improvements. Richard Borden seconded. The motion carried by majority.

2. Motion to Approve the Budget (Enclosure 5)

Russ McUne moved that the Budget Committee of the Lebanon Community School District has reviewed and hereby approves the budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year in the amount of \$52,101,277. This is comprised of:

- General Fund \$37,447,400
- Special Revenue Fund \$10,703,180
- Debt Service Fund \$3,825,697
- Internal Service Fund \$125,000
- Grand Total \$52,101,277

Mike seconded. The motion carried by majority.

3. Motion to Set the Tax Rate (Enclosure 5)

Richard Borden moved that the Budget Committee of the Lebanon Community School District #9 approves taxes for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, at the rate of \$4.9925 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes in the General Fund and \$3,615,281 for the general obligation bond levy in the Debt Service Fund for principal and interest. Mike Martin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Committee Meeting Dates

May 15, 2014 7:00 p.m./District Office Board Room Public Budget Hearing & Special Board Meeting

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

(Recorded by Kathy Schurr)

Rob Hess, Superintendent

Russ McUne, Board Chair