



Columbia Gorge
EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT

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Minutes of the Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
and Regular Board Meeting held on June 16, 2021

Starting at 7:00 p.m., held via Zoom

These are unofficial minutes. The Board has not approved them.

Members Present: Paul Zastrow
Susan Gabay
Ian Stromquist
Suze Nigl
Stephanie Richie
Tammarra Ferguson

Staff/Guests Present: Pat Sublette, Superintendent
Penny Grotting, Assistant Superintendent
Kim Domenighini, Director of Fiscal Services
Bob Dais, Director of Human Resources
Christa Rude, Early Learning Hub Director
Christy Christopher, STEM Hub Director
Jonathan Fost, Migrant Education Director
Lori Burkart, EI/ECSE Assessment Specialist
Maggie Lowe, Early Learning Director
Scott Whitbeck, Director of School Improvement
Stan Felderman, Administrative Assistant/Assistant Bookkeeper
Susan Vallie, Executive Assistant
Stacy Holeman, CGESD Zone 2 Board Member Elect
Doug Nelson, perspective future Board Candidate

Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Call to Order and Flag Salute

Chair Zastrow opened the Budget Hearing at 7pm.
Bob Dais led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions

Introductions were not necessary.

2020-2021 Budget Updates

There were no updates to be presented.

Public comments regarding budget document

There was no public comment regarding the budget document.

Close Budget Hearing

The Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 was closed at 7:02pm.

Regular Board Meeting – Immediately following the Budget Hearing

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order immediately following the close of the Budget Hearing.

Comments from Audience about Non-Agenda Items

Audience members had no comments.

Presentations/Reports

Legislative Update

Chairman Zastrow reported how state school funding for the year is currently at the 3.9 billion level. He then gave a brief overview of the current legislative session status, where many bills are still under consideration.

Superintendent's Message

Superintendent Sublette spoke of the projected funding for the year, which currently is flat. Full funding for the Student Investment Account and Measure 98 is still expected, along with funding for our various problems, including the continuation of the Preschool Promise Grant.

A camera system has been ordered. The system is expected to be installed this next month and will allow for meetings to be live streamed.

The Migrant Staff have been preparing for their Summer School and Scott Whitbeck has been working on the D21 Summer School programs.

This month the EI/ECSE staff will be moving into additional space on Dry Hollow Road and the ESD will be welcoming our new Whole Child Nurse Supervisor, Ali Donnelly.

The Technology Department has been busy planning summer projects, adding enhanced software programs and evaluating the needs of the department going forward. Tech positions will be posted, internally at first, as the reorganization and reallocation of needed skill sets are identified.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent Grotting has been busy wrapping up end of year grant reports, supporting superintendents with hiring and planning for the upcoming year.

Personnel Report

Bob Dais, Director of Human Resources, shared how a Labor Management Meeting was held last week where ideas were shared in preparation for Bargaining with the association. Bargaining is scheduled to start on Friday.

His department has been busy assisting Migrant Education with the hiring of staff for their Summer School Program, preparing calendars and contracts for the upcoming year, in addition to continuing to put collaborative hiring systems into place.

Financial Report

Kim Domenighini, Director of Fiscal Services was delayed this evening, as she was attending another meeting. Her report was presented later in the evening.

Stan Felderman did share how Fiscal Services has been working on getting the fiscal year wrapped up.

Department Reports

Early Learning Hub

Director Christa Rude has been busy wrapping up the year and assisting with coordinated enrollment for incoming Kindergarten students. She has also been putting a lot of time, and planning, into identifying the best way to use awarded grant funds.

An Assistant Director for the program, who will start in July, has been hired. Shira Skybinskyy will be assisting with the many programs the hub runs, including the Play and Learn at Home Program which currently has 250 families enrolled.

Early Learning

Per Program Director Maggie Lowe LEAP (Learning Experiences- An Alternative Program for Preschoolers and Parents) training has been taking place. The training includes reflecting on how this year went and planning for the next year.

Preschool student enrollment is expected to increase this fall, now that COVID restrictions are being lifted, and progress is being made regarding how to best utilize the additional space, identified on Dry Hollow Road.

Migrant Education

Planning for Summer School has kept Program Director Jonathan Fost, and his department, busy. A number of families have yet to arrive in the area, with the Cherry Harvest being delayed. Currently enrollment is about half of normal but is expected to increase. Students will be starting the program on Monday.

Director of School Improvement, Scott Whitbeck, has been actively working with the D21 Summer School programs, the next of which will be starting in July, after the holiday weekend. The upcoming program will focus on Reading and Math, and will include enrichments such as art, dance, and Science. In addition, Scott has been working on tightening up assessment systems, preparing for the upcoming year, which will include ELA curriculum adoption K-12, and later a Math curriculum adoption.

Christy Christopher, the STEM Hub Director for the ESD, has been busy coordinating STEM outreach efforts with area schools, along with building connections, and supports, for the upcoming year. Regarding funding for the new year, she was pleased to share how STEM Hub funding for the upcoming year is looking good and anticipates all existing projects to continue plus hopefully more.

Financial Report

Kim Domenighini, Director of Fiscal Services, shared how claiming grant funds has been a priority as the year winds down. Once those funds come through all accounts will be back in the positive. As explained, many grants are paid by reimbursement, which at times can make

categories look overspent. She is continuing to explore ways reporting can be done so it will reflect the most current financial standing at meetings, versus the current end of the month.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes from May, 19, 2021
- b. Ratify Financial Reports for May 2021
- c. Hiring of Temporary Licensed Staff for Migrant Summer School Program
- d. Approval of Contracts/Agreements
 1. North Central ESD for 2021-22 Superintendent Services
 2. North Central ESD for 2021-22 Fiscal Services
 3. North Central ESD for Human Resources Services
 4. Darla Kroll for 2021-22 EI/ECSE Physical Therapy Services
 5. OSBA for ESD Policy Manual Rewrite/Update
 6. Triple W Properties, LLC for additional space for the EI/ECSE Program
 7. Mid-Columbia Children's Council, Inc. Lease Extension for the EI/ECSE Program
 8. Qualtics Data Analysis Program
 9. Ronald B Roybal LEAP Program Training, Coaching and Support
 10. ConnectWise IT Management Support
 11. Columbia Gorge ESD Lease Extension for Office Space at CGCC
 12. Resolution 2021-19 – Approval of unanticipated revenue for the REN Program
 13. PNW Professionals for Speech Therapy Services (21-22 School Year)
 14. Bolate.net for SSPS Training Modules for Psychological First Aid
 15. Additional OPEC Funding Four Rivers Early Learning Hub
 16. Revised Four Rivers Early Learning Hub Budget

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Director Nigl.
Director Stromquist seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items

- a. Resolution Adopting 2020-2021 Budget; Imposing & Categorizing the Tax

Motion to approve was made by Director Stromquist.
Director Nigl seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Informational Items

General information items, not requiring Board Approval

- a. The next meeting of the board will be held on the 21st, starting at 7pm, and will be conducted virtually, via zoom.
- b. A recently published News Article about plans for a Health Center at The Dalles High School was shared.

Adjourn

Chairman Zastrow adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm

Paul F. Zastrow, Board Chair

Patricia Sublette, Superintendent