

Call To Order

Board Chair Pam Glenn called the Budget Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the committee members and asked them to introduce themselves.

Elect Presiding Officer

Chair Glenn opened the floor for nominations of Presiding Officer. Kaiger Braseth nominated Ken Patterson as Presiding Officer. Melissa Reagan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chair Glenn turned the table over to Mr. Patterson who then asked Superintendent Hislop to present the 2022-23 Budget Message.

Receive Budget Message & Budget Document

Superintendent Hislop presented the 2022-2023 Budget Document and read the budget message to the committee. Mr. Hislop outlined the responsibility of the budget committee and noted that their final action will be to approve an estimated budget for submission to the Board for adoption and appropriation. He reported that the budget was prepared based on a projected \$9.299B State School Fund and the district anticipates full funding of the Student Investment Account and High School Success funds. The district is using these two funding sources to pay for part of the salaries for some staff members to improve the opportunity for students to obtain a well-rounded education and reduce class sizes. The use of these funds for personnel costs will allow the district to move closer to its goal of constructing a cafeteria/music room addition to the elementary building. It was also reported that the district will receive ESSER II and ESSER III funds. They anticipate the use of ESSER II funds but will defer the use of ESSER III funds until a later date. He reported that the priority focus area for the 2022-23 budget is to continue quality education to the students of Imbler School District. The continued priority focus will be the repair of the locker room issues in the high school, providing continued opportunities for college-level course work and articulation along with the construction of a cafeteria/music room addition to the elementary building.

2022-2023 Budget Discussion

Teressa Dewey reviewed the proposed budget document and outlined major changes beginning with the general fund. She noted that the salary and benefit increases were based on the negotiated agreements which consisted of a 3% salary increase. Some of the other major increases were the adoption of ELA textbooks, increased costs of officials for athletic events and other increased costs of goods and services due to the current financial climate. She noted that the Title I position has been increased from .5 fte to .7 fte to more accurately reflect the service that is being provided in that program. This will require the general fund to fund a portion of this position as grant funds are not sufficient to cover the full cost of the position. The budget reflects amounts budgeted for the painting of the high school and elementary facilities, paving of the parking lot and a new copier. Mrs. Dewey noted that with the use of SIA funds to offset some of the personnel costs, it will allow the District to transfer \$575,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund for the repair of the high school locker room and move the District closer to the elementary cafeteria/music room project.

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Discussion turned to enrollment and Mrs. Dewey informed the committee that the budget is based on a projected ADMr of 280 which is down from our current enrollment of 285. She noted that there are 20 graduating seniors and we are hopeful that there will be 15 incoming kindergartners.

Mrs. Dewey then reviewed all other funds. There were no major changes in those funds. Due to the number of reserve funds, it was suggested that the District explore the interest rates on certificates of deposits to determine if it would be beneficial to invest some of those funds in CD's rather than the local government investment pool. The Board thanked Superintendent Hislop and Mrs. Dewey for the information provided. Teressa Dewey encourage the committee to review the document and reach out to her or Mr. Hislop prior to the next meeting or bring any questions to the next meeting.

Set Date & Time of Next Meeting

Following a brief discussion, the next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 17th at 6:45 p.m. with the Regular May Board Meeting immediately following.

Adjournment

With no further budget discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Members Present

Kaiger Braseth, Cade Burnette, Jeanne Cone, Joe Fisher, Pam Glenn, Ian Gordon, Beccy Kramer, John Mola, Ken Patterson and Melissa Reagan.

Others Present

Doug Hislop, Superintendent and Teressa Dewey, Deputy Clerk.

Chairman

Deputy Clerk