

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. Ken Patterson moved to serve as Presiding Officer. Ian Gordon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chair Glenn turned the table over to Mr. Patterson who then asked Superintendent Waite to present the 2023-24 Budget Message.

Receive Budget Message & Budget Document

Superintendent Waite presented the 2023-2024 Budget Document and read the budget message. He reported that the budget was prepared based on a projected \$9.9B State School Fund, slightly increased tax revenue and 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 as outlined in the plan presented in March. It was reported that an increase in federal funds is also anticipated and the carryover of the ESSER III funds will be utilized during this budget year.

Superintendent Waite outlined the major changes in the budget noting that the budget reflects increased PERS costs and the costs associated with the implementation of the Paid Family Leave Act. Salary and benefits are projected costs as negotiations with both associations are not yet complete. The transfer to the Hot Lunch Fund has been increased due to increased program costs. The budget also includes the adoption of K-12 mathematics curriculum. He reported that the priority focus area for the 2023-24 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.

2023-2024 Budget Discussion

Teressa Dewey reviewed the proposed budget general fund revenue and explained how the revenue is calculated. She noted the slight increase in tax revenue and significant increase in interest revenue. She also briefly reviewed the State School Fund calculation and noted that it is necessary to analyze the estimate from the state and update with known factors.

Superintendent Waite then outlined the major changes on the expenditure side of the budget document. He noted that most of the budgeted increases are reflective of projected payroll costs. Some of the other major increases are due to the increased costs of supplies, materials and services as a result of the current financial climate. The maintenance line item in Care and Upkeep of Grounds has decreased from \$70,000 to \$20,000 due to the parking lot paving last

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year. Superintendent Waite reported that this budget reflects a transfer in the amount of \$435,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund to move the District closer to the elementary cafeteria/music room project and other capital project needs. The Bus Replacement Fund includes the funds to purchase a new bus.

Jeanne Cone asked about the bus purchase; whether it was necessary or not. Superintendent Waite explained that the oldest bus will soon not meet the emission requirements. Teresa Dewey reported that each bus purchased is depreciated out over a ten year period and the state mandates that the amount the District receives in depreciation be reinvested into the replacement of buses. This has allowed the District to maintain an up-to-date fleet.

Ian Gordon asked about the increased utility costs and wondered if it would be beneficial to look into alternative energy sources. Discussion turned to heating/cooling options. Mrs. Cone suggested an energy audit through OTEC.

Discussion turned to enrollment and Mrs. Dewey informed the committee that the budget is based on a projected ADMr of 293 which is down slightly from our current enrollment of 295. She noted that there are some students moving out of the area, but they will be able to add some students from the wait list.

Ian Gordon asked about methods used for recruitment of staff. It was reported that the District advertises teaching vacancies on through the district web-site, local sources and also on the COSA Job search platform.

Set Date & Time of Next Meeting

Following a brief discussion, the next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m. with the Regular May Board Meeting immediately following.

Adjournment

With no further budget discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Members Present

Carrie Bingaman, Jeanne Cone, Joe Fisher, Pam Glenn, Ian Gordon, and Ken Patterson.

Others Present

Randy Waite, Superintendent and Teresa Dewey, Deputy Clerk.

Chairman

Deputy Clerk