

**DOUGLAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA**

Board Room
Central Administration Building

6:00 PM
July 2, 2019

**Public Hearing
Minutes of the Board**

I. PUBLIC HEARING

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Ray Borane, President

PRESENT: Mr. Mario Ramos, Member
Mr. Mitch Lindemann, Member
Dr. Edward Gomez, Member

ABSENT: Mr. Natalio Sabal, Member (Excused)

Others Present: Ana C. Samaniego, Superintendent
Fernando Nuñez, Assistant Superintendent
Cesar Soto, Chief Financial & Operations Officer
Alma Valenzuela, Superintendent's Secretary

B. Call for Public Hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-905 on Fiscal Year 2019-2020 District Annual Expenditure Budget.

No public comments.

C. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Proposed Budget.

Mr. Soto presented the Proposed Budget. He advised that the property tax is not being adopted yet, as it does not happen until August 15, when the County Board of Supervisors approves the tax rate. We are frozen, so property taxes won't go up. If it changes, it may be the secondary tax rate because of the bonds and the interest we have to pay. The proposed budget includes 5% to all certified and teachers, the 3% to administrators, and the \$1.00 per hour for all classified employees. There were a few changes because of the lack of funding on different title monies. The IDEA Grant got cut tremendously, the Preschool PDG Grant went away, and M&O had to absorb those PDG salaries (\$250,000.00). This also represents an increase of over \$1,000.00 to the beginning salary for teachers, making the base pay \$32,000.00. We want to do something every year to move us up on the beginning salary, to make it attractive for teachers. Dr. Gomez asked if the proposed budget includes the purchase of the Core Knowledge curriculum program. Mr. Soto replied no, it was not included but we have other funds we can use to purchase it. We are still working on the procurement process. Mr. Lindemann asked if we are still laboring under current year funding in

¹A unanimous (4/0) vote will show the members voting in this manner throughout the minutes:

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Mario Ramos	√		
Mr. Mitch Lindemann	√		
Dr. Edward Gomez	√		
Mr. Ray Borane	√		

Absent: Mr. Natalio Sabal

the state? Mr. Soto replied yes for general education but not for special education. Mr. Lindemann asked if we are expecting a minimum wage increase in January? Mr. Soto replied it is the \$1.00 increase for classified. This should be the final minimum wage increase (\$12.00) and then the State is saying it will be a cost of living increase. We are expecting about a 2% going forward every year for classified employees, and potentially all employees.

D. Request to Speak regarding the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Proposed Budget.

None.

II. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING:

There being no questions or comments from the Board or members of the audience, Mr. Borane closed the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m. and reconvened to the Regular Board Meeting.

Minutes prepared by Alma Valenzuela, Superintendent's Secretary.

The Board at their meeting on November 5, 2019, approved these minutes.

Details regarding presentations and discussions are available on the audio and video recordings posted on the Governing Board page on the DUSD website at douglasusd27.schoolinsites.com (For exact statements made during the board meeting, you may request a copy of the audio).